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TOWN OF STARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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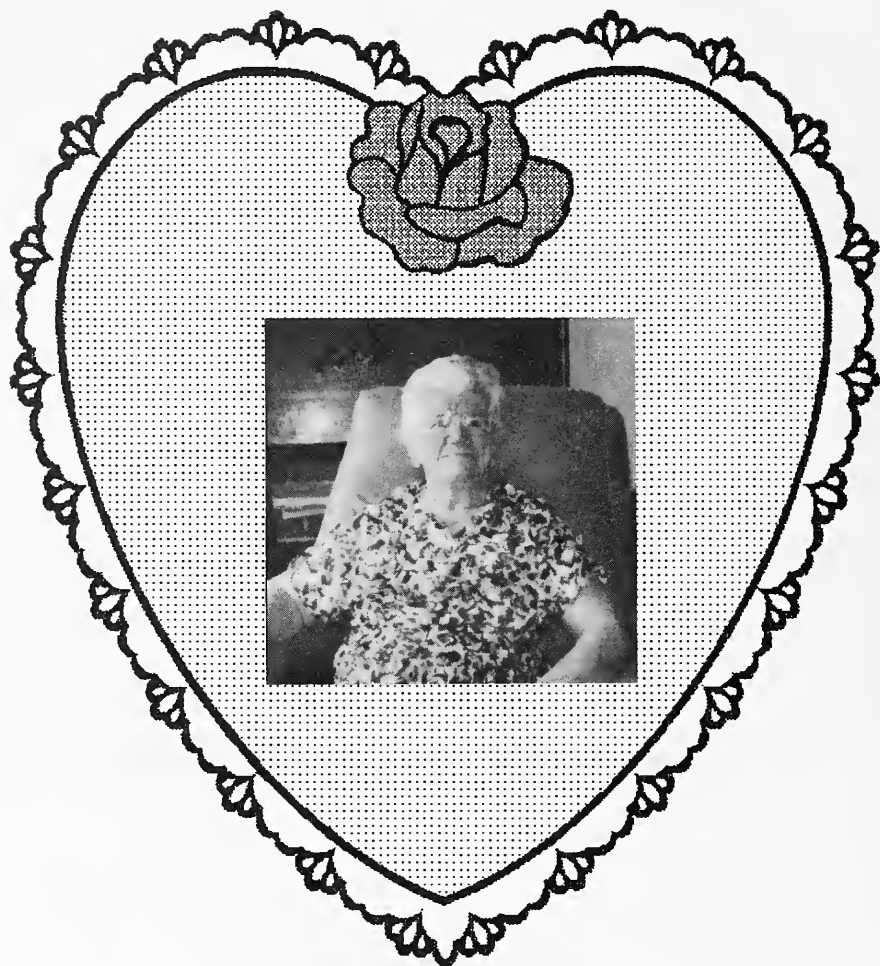
New Hampshire

For year ending December 31, 1997

Cover Photo

Lyle Frizzell

In Memory of



Marcia Eldora Dingman

August 13, 1903 - October 10, 1997

Marcia Eldora Dingman

August 13, 1903 – October 10, 1997

There are some people of our community who seem to have been here from the beginning of time- "Grammy D" or "Gram" was one of those people. Gram and her family moved to Stark in the summer of 1937 and settled in the home that is now the River Bend Farm, the home of the Joyce family today.

Grammy Ds' life began in Pittsburg, New Hampshire on August 13, 1903 and ended in Stark on October 10, 1997. During all those years, for nearly a century, she was witness to many dramatic changes in the American lifestyle. She saw the passing of the horse and wagon, kerosene lamp, outhouse, cast iron cook stove, and she entered the technological age of the train, car (Grammy D got her drivers' license in 1969 at the age of 66), airplane, telephone, electric lighting, indoor plumbing and central heating. Oh, so many changes to have lived in a lifetime – the list is endless. It was these changes and life experiences, which molded her early in life to what Gram was to become in her adult life – a most humble and generous person.

When able, Grammy D was baking cakes, cookies, donuts or perhaps loaves of bread to give to her friends and family or just to have on hand for snacks for the kids who came into her home. As always, Gram wanted to have goodies for a lunch or after a long evening of cards (Seventy-Three and Pitch) with friends and family.

Here was a true lady. Gram was the icon for individual and family values. Honesty guided her in life and she expected those around her to be equally honest. Her home was always open (she never locked her doors at night when retiring to bed) to friends and neighbors. Grammy Ds' home was the focal point for numerous family gatherings of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Her wealth was not in money or material things but in mind, soul, and personal integrity. Grammy D epitomized all those things which were good and she enjoyed sharing and giving whatever she had in order to make life better for someone else.

For six decades, Grammy D was a valued citizen of the Town of Stark. The roots of our community are truly connected to people like her forever – a citizen who not only served as a role model for kin but also for community members at large.


Everett R. Frizzell,
Grandson

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TOWN OFFICERS

1997-1998

OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

SELECTMEN

Albert Cloutier, Jr.	1998
Everett R. Frizzell	1999
James Eich	2000

OFFICE MANAGER

Lise Coulombe	APPT
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TOWN CLERK

Janette Clang (Resigned 1-28-98)	1999
Lise Coulombe	APPT

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Lise Coulombe (Resigned 10-20-97)	APPT
Susan H. Croteau	APPT

TAX COLLECTOR

Jo Ann Platt	APPT
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DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Janette Clang (Resigned 1-28-98)	APPT
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TREASURER

Susan H. Croteau (Resigned 1-29-98)	2000
Dennis A. Croteau	APPT

DEPUTY TREASURER

Nancy Spaulding	APPT
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MODERATOR

William L. Joyce	1998
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AUDITORS

Francis J. Dineen & Company	APPT
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LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Nancy Spaulding	1998
Jane Hopps	1999
Vacant	2000

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

John Pepau, Jr.	1998
Donald Croteau	1999
Vacant	2000

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Nancy Spaulding	1998
Mary Beth Gibson	1999
Judith Wentworth	2000

CONSTABLE

Francis Hopps, Jr.	1998
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SEXTON

Carl D. Coulombe	1998
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ROAD AGENT

Barry Wentworth	1998
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TRANSFER STATION MANAGER

Dean Peel (Resigned)	APPT
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George Bennett	APPT
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FIRE CHIEF

Ronald Lunn	APPT
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CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Raymond Pratt	1998
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Dean Demers	1999
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Joshua Spaulding	2000
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PLANNING BOARD

Richard Garris	1998
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Jared Sargent (Resigned)	1998
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Janice Oakes	1998
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James Gibson, Sr.	1999
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John Tilton	1999
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Raymond Pratt	2000
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Bradley Sargent	2000
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Carl D. Coulombe (Alternate)	APPT
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Did you know that in June , 1973 Stark experienced an earthquake that registered 4.5 on the Richter Scale?

LETTER FROM THE SELECTMEN

Citizens and Taxpayers:

In our overall plan to improve all the Town's roads we were determined to finish the new construction on Plain and Paris Roads with new pavement and sealing. We then developed an impact plan for Emerson Road. Because much of the traffic on Emerson Road is generated from gravel and wood operations, we contacted Robert Kidder, Carroll Concrete, Pike Industries, Division of Forest and Lands and Cloutier Sand & Gravel to see if they were willing to cost share or donate towards road improvement. All parties were very willing to donate. Emerson Road was reconstructed from the state line to Moulton Bridge. Brad Sargent donated his time and effort to survey and give us a plan to follow. We will pave this section in 1998.

The Paris Road Bridge Project was started with construction to begin in the summer of 1998.

We also passed an ordinance for management of septage and sludge that regulated the process of spreading in Stark.

Tipping fees for our solid waste will be going up dramatically as of January 1, 1999. This came about as a result of the administration change from James River to Crown Vantage.

As a result of a severe rainstorm in July we ripped Northside Road in the area of Molly Brook.

The Town Hall has been repainted and is looking much better.

We hired Larry Gray to replace and repair our culverts this year. In addition to the routine culverts, he placed a culvert extension on Roberts Brook and replaced the large culvert in front of Clifford's house.

Dean Peel resigned as Transfer Station Manager. He did an excellent job. George Bennett has replaced him.

Franklin Platt was appointed FEMA director replacing Lloyd Nolan. He has been very active pursuing help for emergency services.

We would like to express our thanks to our Town employees for another year of exceptional services. Thanks also to the citizens who donate their time and effort which makes our town an exceptional one to live in.

Board of Selectmen

CERTIFICATE

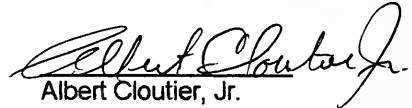
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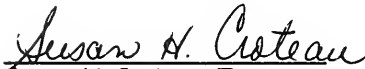
This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A True Copy Attest:


James Eich, Chairman


Everett R. Frizzell


Albert Cloutier, Jr.


Susan H. Croteau, Treasurer

Janette Clang, Town Clerk


Jo Ann Platt, Tax Collector

Town of Stark, NH

1998 Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stark, Coos County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stark Village School in said Town on the second Tuesday in March next, March 10, 1998, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and place the polls will be opened at 9:00 in the forenoon and will remain open until 7:00 in the afternoon for the reception of ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System.

ARTICLE #1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open)

ARTICLE #2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94,550 for General Government.

4130	Executive:		\$26,700
	Payroll	18000	
	Expenses	1500	
	Office Expenses	7200	
4140	Election, Registration, Vitals:		\$10,000
	Payroll	7800	
	Expenses	350	
	Office Expense	250	
	Annual Report	1600	
4150	Financial Administration:		\$11,800
	Payroll	7000	
	Expenses	800	
	Office Expenses	500	
	Auditors	3500	
4152	Revaluation:		\$2,200
	New Construction	500	
	Pick Ups	500	
	Software Support	1200	
4153	Legal:		\$3,000
	Services	3000	

4155	Personnel Administration:		\$7,000
	WT/SS/MEDI	6500	
	Unemployment	500	
4191	Planning and Zoning:		\$200
	Miscellaneous	200	
4194	General Government Building:		\$8,700
	Payroll	1000	
	Utilities	3400	
	Expenses	100	
	Fire Code	1000	
	Interior & Exterior	2000	
	Maintenance	1200	
4195	Cemeteries:		\$4,000
	Payroll	3000	
	Expenses	200	
	Maintenance	800	
4196	Insurance:		\$16,500
	Liability/Bonding	12000	
	Workers Compensation	4500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.:		\$1,750
	Advertising	1100	
	Sta-North	350	
	Great North Woods	300	
4199	Other Government:		\$2,700
	Perambulation	2700	

ARTICLE #3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,810 for Public Safety.

4210	Police:		\$7,900
	Payroll	6400	
	Office Expenses	250	
	Expenses	1250	
4215	Ambulance:		\$3,110
	Service	3110	
4220	Fire Department:		\$8,000
	Payroll	200	
	Utilities	3500	

Expenses	100
Fire Calls	3800
Mutual Aid	400

4290	Emergency Management: Expenses	200	\$200
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4299	Other Safety: Lancaster Juvenile Diversion Safety	300 300	\$600
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ARTICLE #4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,100 for Highways and Streets.

4312	Highways & Streets:		\$120,100
	Payroll	18000	
	Chloride	4000	
	Cold Patch	1500	
	Utilities	4500	
	Expenses	200	
	Grading	4500	
	Maintenance	11500	
	Mowing	4600	
	Reconstruction	60000	
	Signs	300	
	Sand & Salt	6000	
	Well	5000	

ARTICLE #5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,500 for Sanitation.

4324	Solid Waste:		\$20,500
	Payroll	7600	
	District Costs	9100	
	Utilities	1200	
	Expenses	400	
	Maintenance	2200	

ARTICLE #6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,050 for Health.

4415	Health Agencies:		\$2,200
	Health Officer	75	
	Upper CT Valley Mental Hlth	125	
	Weeks Home Health	2000	

4419	Other Health:		\$1,850
	Big Brother/Big Sister	250	
	Community Action Program	700	
	Meals on Wheels	700	
	Red Cross	200	

ARTICLE #7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Direct Assistance.

4442	Welfare:		\$3,000
	Assistance	3000	

ARTICLE #8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Culture and Recreation.

4550	Library:		\$500
4583	Patriotic:		\$500

ARTICLE #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,780 for Debt Service.

4711	Principal Long Term Bonds:		\$10,000
	Bond	10000	
4721	Interest Long Term Bond:		\$5,180
	Bond	5180	
4723	Interest on T.A.N.:		\$6,600
	Tax Anticipation Note	6600	

ARTICLE #10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 for Interfund Operating Transfer Out.

4915	Capital Reserve:		\$21,000
	Backhoe	3000	
	Bridge	1000	
	Compactor	1000	
	Dump	500	
	Fire Dept. Building	10000	
	Fire Dept. Equipment	1500	
	Truck	4000	
4916	Transfer to Trust & Agency:		\$500
	Discount	500	

ARTICLE #11. To see if the Town will vote to give a 5% discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented.

ARTICLE #12. To transact all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals the 18th day of February, 1998

True Copy Attest:

James Eich
James Eich, Chairman

Everett R. Frizzell
Everett R. Frizzell

Albert Cloutier, Jr.
Albert Cloutier, Jr.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So.Spring St., P.O.Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

MS-6



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ Stark _____ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or
for Fiscal Year From

_____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Date

Feb. 18th, 1998

James E. Bit
Edward P. Tringali
Arthur C. Butler Jr.

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

(Revised 1997)

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENDING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	2	25,000	27,497	26,700	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	2	9,680	9,499	10,000	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	11,880	10,797	11,800	
4152	Revelution of Property	2	3,800	1,747	2,200	
4153	Legal Expense	2	3,000	912	3,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	8,500	5,341	7,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	2	200	413	200	
4194	General Government Buildings	2	12,500	7,045	8,700	
4195	Cemeteries	2	3,000	3,297	4,000	
4196	Insurance	2	18,500	13,705	16,500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2	1,450	1,085	1,750	
4199	Other General Government	2	3,100	2,444	2,700	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	3	7,900	7,407	7,900	
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	3,110	3,108	3,110	
4220-4229	Fire	3	8,000	18,506	8,000	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	200	220	200	
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)	3	800	300	600	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets	4	110,700	106,835	120,100	
4313	Bridges		620,000	26,032		
4316	Street Lighting					
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	5	16,300	20,393	20,500	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

** FIRE: CAPITAL RESERVE EQUIPMENT FUND \$12,560

Aoct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other					
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Admin. and Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411-4414	Admin. and Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	6	3,950	3,963	4,050	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	7	4,000	902	3,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library	8	500	500	500	
4563	Patriotic Purposes	8	300	144	500	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources					
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	9			10,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	9			5,180	
4723	Interest on TANs	9	10,000	4,189	6,600	

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 3213,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	33,288	33,288	21,000	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)	10	1,000	1,000	500	
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			920,658	310,569	306,290	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Housing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		800	840	800
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		10,000	7,419	8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		20,000	74,900	22,000
	Inventory Penalties				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		250	34	250
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fee		40,000	47,838	42,000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,000	1,347	1,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		3,154	13,016	5,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		5,630	5,636	5,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		49,071	49,071	49,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		28,230	25,961	26,000
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			451	
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		3,172	3,172	3,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		496,000	69,159	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		1,300	3,119	1,300
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		7,733	7,833	7,000
3502	Interest on Investments		3,000	2,515	2,000
3503-3509	Other				

Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		24,000	36,560	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes		100,000	100,000	
Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			28,681		
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS			822,021	448,871	172,350

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	306,290
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (from page 4)	
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 4)	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	306,290
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	172,350
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	133,940

(REV.1997)

SUMMARY OF THE 1997 TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Stark, NH was opened at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, 1997 to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. William Joyce declared the polls open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots were opened and placed in the ballot box at 5:30 p.m.

The results of this Town Meeting are as follows:

ARTICLE #1. Town Officers for the year (s) ensuing.

Town Officers

Selectman:	James Eich	123	Votes
Moderator:	William Joyce	45	Write-in votes
Treasurer:	Susan H. Croteau	128	Votes
Constable:	Francis Hopps, Jr.	87	Votes
	Colin Wentworth	51	Votes
Trustee of the Trust	Deborah Boivin	5	Write-in votes
Funds:			
Road Agent:	Barry Wentworth	84	Votes
	Carl Coulombe	52	Votes
Sexton:	Carl Coulombe	122	Votes
Planning Board (3 year):	Raymond Pratt	61	Votes
Planning Board (3 year):	Bradley Sargent	97	Votes
Planning Board (1 year):	Jared Sargent	105	Votes
Library Trustee (3 year):	Valarie Gauthier	7	Write-in votes
Library Trustee (2 year):	Margaret Frizzell	4	Write-in votes
Library Trustee (1 year):	Susan H. Croteau	3	Write-in votes
Supervisor of Checklist:	Judith Wentworth	12	Write-in votes
Cemetery Trustee:	Joshua Spaulding	5	Write-in votes

School Officers

School Board:	Bradley Sargent	114	Votes
School Clerk:	Janette Clang	133	Votes
School Treasurer:	Susan H. Croteau	28	Write-in votes
School Moderator:	William Joyce	29	Write-in votes

ARTICLE #2. Raise and appropriate \$620,000 for the replacement of the Paris Road Bridge.

BALLOT VOTE

Yes	98
No	34

ARTICLE #3. To see if the Town will modify the elderly exemptions.
Voting on Article #3 began at 9:20 a.m. Bill declared voting closed on Article #3 at 9:32 a.m.

BALLOT VOTE

Yes	32
No	4

ARTICLE #4. Raise and appropriate \$100,610 for General Government.

PASSED

ARTICLE #5. Raise and appropriate \$18,900 for Public Safety. Article amended to read "to see if the Town of Stark will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,010 for Public Safety."

PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE #6. Raise and appropriate \$110,700 for Highways, Streets, Bridges.

PASSED

ARTICLE #7. Raise and appropriate \$16,300 for Sanitation.

PASSED

ARTICLE #8. Raise and appropriate \$3,950 for Health.

PASSED

ARTICLE #9. Raise and appropriate \$4,000 for Direct Assistance.

PASSED

ARTICLE #10. Raise and appropriate \$800 for Culture and Recreation.

PASSED

ARTICLE #11. Raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Debt Service.

PASSED

ARTICLE #12. Raise and appropriate \$26,500 for Interfund Operating Transfers Out.

PASSED

ARTICLE #13. Authorize the discontinuance of Nash Stream Bridge Account, transferring \$7,673 plus interest of \$115 to General Fund.

PASSED

ARTICLE #14. Raise and appropriate \$7,788 to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Bridge Fund.

PASSED

ARTICLE #15. Vote to give 5% discount on property taxes, paid within 14 days.

PASSED

ARTICLE #16. Transact all other business.

Vivian Parks made a motion to have next town meeting back at the town hall where it belongs. Seconded by Madeleine Croteau.

FAILED

Moderator William Joyce at 11:30 a.m. adjourned meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lise Coulombe, Office Manager
Board of Selectmen

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

CHART OF ACCOUNTS	BUDGET 97	EXPENDED 97	VARIANCE 97
4130- Executive	25,000	27,497	-2,497
4140- Election, Registration	9,680	9,499	181
4150- Financial Admin.	11,880	10,797	1,083
4152- Revaluation	3,800	1,747	2,053
4153- Legal Expense	3,000	912	2,088
4155- Personnel Admin.	8,500	5,341	3,159
4191- Planning & Zoning	200	413	-213
4194- General Gov. Bldg.	12,500	7,045	5,455
4195- Cemeteries	3,000	3,297	-297
4196- Insurance	18,500	13,705	4,795
4197- Advertising & Reg.	1,450	1,085	365
4199- Other Government	3,100	2,444	656
4210- Police	7,900	7,407	493
4215- Ambulance	3,110	3,108	2
4220- Fire	8,000	5,946	2,054
* Fire Dept. Equip. Fund		12,560	-12,560
4290- Emergency Mgt.	200	220	-20
4299- Oth. Public Safety	800	300	500
4312- Highways & Street	110,700	106,835	3,865
4313- Bridges	620,000	26,032	593,968
4324- Solid Waste Disp.	16,300	20,393	-4,093
4415- Health Agencies	2,200	2,213	-13
4419- Other Health	1,750	1,750	0
4442- Welfare	4,000	902	3,098
4550- Library	500	500	0
4583- Patriotic Purposes	300	144	156
4723- Interest on T.A.N.	10,000	4,189	5,811
4915- Capital Reserve	33,288	33,288	0
4916- Trans. to Trust	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	920,658	310,569	610,089
Expended	310,569	Appropriation	920,658
Bridge	-26,032	Bridge	<u>-620,000</u>
*Fire Dept. Equip.	<u>-12,560</u>	Budgeted	300,658
Total Expended	271,977		
	Budgeted	300,658	
	Expended	<u>-271,977</u>	
	SURPLUS	28,681	

BALANCE SHEET
Year Ending December 31, 1997

ASSETS

Cash

General Fund	\$	315,689.69
NHPDIP	\$	211,392.52
CDBG	\$	7,339.23

Capital Reserve Funds

Bridge	\$	3,113.15	
Dump	\$	23,595.89	
Revaluation	\$	3,552.11	
Back Hoe	\$	7,246.27	
Compactor	\$	2,063.62	
Discount	\$	12,243.51	
Town Truck	\$	16,000.99	
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$	3,672.37	
Fire Dept. Building	\$	19,316.20	
School/Handicapped	\$	<u>61,102.39</u>	
Total Capital Reserve			\$ 151,906.50

Cemetery Trust Funds	\$	12,266.59
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Library Funds	\$	682.32
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Accounts Receivable

Property Tax	\$	100,586.04	
Yield Taxes	\$	1,301.37	
Lien 96	\$	47,802.35	
Lien 95	\$	28,614.54	
Prior	\$	<u>2,750.59</u>	
Total Uncollected			\$ 181,054.89

Town Property

Land, Buildings, Equipment	\$	1,341,900.00
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Total Assets	\$	2,222,231.74
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LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accounts Payable

School District	\$	372,635.00
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Net Worth	\$	1,820,915.74
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Surplus	\$	28,681.00
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Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$	2,222,231.74
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATION

General Government:

Executive	\$	25,000
Election, Registration	\$	9,680
Financial Administration	\$	11,880
Revaluation	\$	3,800
Legal Expense	\$	3,000
Personnel Administration	\$	8,500
Planning & Zoning	\$	200
General Government Buildings	\$	12,500
Cemeteries	\$	3,000
Insurance	\$	18,500
Advertising & Regional	\$	1,450
Other General Government	\$	3,100

Public Safety

Police	\$	7,900
Ambulance	\$	3,110
Fire Department	\$	8,000
Emergency Management	\$	200
Other Public Safety	\$	800

Highways and Streets

Highways	\$	110,700
Bridges	\$	620,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Collection	\$	16,300
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Health

Health Agencies	\$	2,200
Other Health	\$	1,750

Welfare

Direct Assistance	\$	4,000
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Culture and Recreation

Library	\$	500
Patriotic Purposes	\$	300

Debt Service

Interest on T.A.N.	\$	10,000
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Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve	\$	33,288
Transfers to Trust	\$	<u>1,000</u>
Total Appropriation	\$	920,658

SOURCES OF REVENUE**Taxes**

Land Use Change Tax	\$	800
Yield Tax	\$	10,000
Interest & Penalties	\$	20,000

License, Permits & Fees

Business License	\$	250
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$	40,000
Other Licenses	\$	1,000

From Federal Government

Other	\$	13,122
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From State

Shared Revenue	\$	3,154
Meals & Rooms	\$	5,630
Highway Block	\$	49,071
State & Federal Forest	\$	15,108
Other	\$	3,172

From Other Government

Other	\$	496,000
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Charges for Services

Income from Departments	\$	1,300
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Miscellaneous

Sale of Municipal Property	\$	7,733
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Interest on Investments	\$	3,000
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Interfund Operating

Capital Reserve	\$	24,000
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Other Financing

Long Term Bond	\$	<u>100,000</u>
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Total Revenues	\$	793,340
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation	\$	920,658
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Less: Revenues	\$	813,552
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Less: Shared Revenues	\$	1,255
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Add: Overlay	\$	30,027
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War Service Credits	\$	2,200
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Town Appropriation	\$	138,078
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Due to School	\$	492,635
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Less: Shared Revenue	\$	7,796
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School Appropriation	\$	484,839
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Due to County	\$	80,266
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Less: Shared Revenue	\$	830
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County Appropriation	\$	79,436
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Total Property Taxes	\$	702,353
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Less: War Service Credits	\$	2,200
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Property Tax Commitment	\$	700,153
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Town	\$	6.83
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School	\$	23.99
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County	\$	<u>3.93</u>
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Tax Rate	\$	34.75
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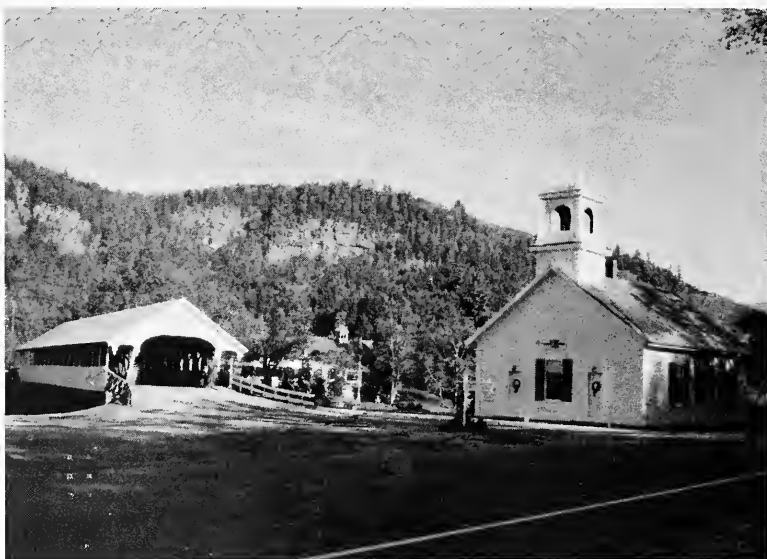
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Value of Land Only:	Acres	Assessed	Taxable
Current Use	10603	\$ 564,490	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	900	\$ 57,600	
Residential	1693	\$ 5,459,800	
Commercial/Industrial	47	\$ <u>170,400</u>	
Total Taxable Land			\$ 6,252,290
Value of Buildings:			
Residential		\$ 12,217,800	
Manufactured Housing		\$ 883,500	
Commercial/Industrial		\$ <u>456,400</u>	
Total Taxable Buildings			\$ <u>13,557,700</u>
Utilities:			
Electric		\$ 636,600	
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$ 20,446,590
Exemptions:			
	No.		
Blind	2	\$ 30,000	
Elderly	18	\$ <u>205,000</u>	
Total Exemptions			\$ <u>-235,000</u>
Net Valuation			\$ 20,211,590

At one time, Stark was divided into 15 school districts and separate schools were planned for each district. Fortunately, not all the schools were actually built. Just think what maintaining 15 schools would do to the tax rate!

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land & Building	\$ 75,100
Contents	\$ 25,000
Library Building	\$ 16,000
Contents	\$ 5,000
Police Equipment	\$ 4,500
Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.	\$ 32,100
Material, Equip.	\$ 175,000
Fire Dept. Land & Building	\$ 12,600
Equipment	\$ 117,000
Transfer Station Land & Bldg.	\$ 19,200
Equipment	\$ 47,000
School Land & Building	\$ 243,000
Equipment	\$ 310,000
Landfill	\$ 8,100
Cemeteries	\$ 27,300
Covered Bridge	\$ <u>225,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,341,900



SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Revenue from Tax Collector	\$ 749,313.75
Revenue from Town Clerk	\$ 50,830.82
From State and Federal Government	\$ 165,592.97
From Local Sources	\$ 17,737.11
From Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 80,000.00
From Capital Reserve and Trust Funds	\$ 36,559.85
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>2,116.77</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 1,102,151.27

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 84,229.65
Public Safety	\$ 29,539.99
Highways and Street	\$ 106,834.61
Bridges	\$ 49,254.09
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 20,393.31
Health	\$ 3,963.08
Welfare	\$ 902.11
Culture and Recreation	\$ 643.99
Debt Services	\$ 4,188.52
Transfers to NHPDIP	\$ 50,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve	\$ 26,500.00
Payments to County	\$ 80,266.00
Payments to School	\$ 488,228.00
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 100,000.00
Tax Liens	\$ 60,763.51
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,542.14
Voids	\$ <u>108.91</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,111,357.91

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Tax Collector

3110-Property Tax	\$	666,518.03
3120-Land Use Change Tax	\$	840.00
3185-Yield Tax	\$	6,623.08
3190-Interest and Penalties	\$	7,315.33
Lien Redemption	\$	53,834.68
Lien Redemption Interest	\$	<u>14,182.63</u>
	\$	749,313.75

Town Clerk

3210-Business Licenses		
Filing Fees	\$	34.00
Uniform Commercial Code	\$	315.50
3220-Motor Vehicle Registration	\$	47,837.50
Municipal Clerk Fees	\$	1,297.00
3290-Other Licenses		
Dogs	\$	1,036.50
Marriage	\$	180.00
Dog Penalties	\$	27.00
Vitals	\$	<u>103.32</u>
	\$	50,830.82

State and Federal Government

3351-Shared Revenue	\$	13,016.21
3352-Rooms and Meals Tax	\$	5,635.65
3353-Highway Block Grant	\$	49,070.83
3356-State and Federal Forest	\$	26,009.11
3357-Flood Control	\$	451.00
3359-Other (Rail Road Tax)	\$	3,171.53
3379-From Other Governments	\$	<u>68,238.64</u>
	\$	165,592.97

Local Sources

3401-Income from Departments	\$	3,734.28
3404-Refuse	\$	305.37
3501-Sale of Municipal Property	\$	7,832.80
3502-Interest on Investments	\$	2,734.51
3503-Rent of Town Property	\$	200.00
3504-Fines	\$	100.00
3506-Insurance Dividends	\$	2,830.15

3509-Other (T.A.N.)	\$	<u>80,000.00</u>
	\$	<u>97,737.11</u>
Capital Reserve and Trusts		
3915-Transfers to Capital Reserve	\$	24,000.00
Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$	12,559.85
4960-Miscellaneous	\$	<u>2,116.77</u>
	\$	<u>38,676.62</u>
Total Revenues	\$	1,102,151.27



DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

4130-EXECUTIVE

Albert Cloutier, Jr.	\$	1,250.00
Expense	\$	165.30
Avitar Assoc. of NE	\$	335.00
Bell Atlantic	\$	180.91
Cartographic Assoc.	\$	625.00
Emerson & Son	\$	22.39
Everett R. Frizzell	\$	1,250.00
Expense	\$	238.48
Groveton High School	\$	90.00
Groveton Postmaster	\$	1,700.56
Hoopers Furniture	\$	125.00
Intuit	\$	179.85
James Eich	\$	1,250.00
Expense	\$	135.27
Janette Clang	\$	157.70
Expense	\$	4.01
Lise Coulombe	\$	13,593.73
Expense	\$	223.88
Petty Cash	\$	425.00
Lyndonville Office	\$	85.00
McBee Systems	\$	31.25
MCI	\$	277.58
Michie	\$	383.95
Nebs	\$	207.60
NHAAO	\$	20.00
NHGFOA	\$	25.00
NHMA	\$	600.00
NYNEX	\$	363.55
Office Planning Office Planning Service.	\$	2,695.45
Panasonic Services	\$	29.60
Quill Corporation	\$	685.09
R.E.A.L. Lighting	\$	9.45
Registry of Deeds	\$	423.77
Sargents Computers	\$	37.50
Stark General Store	\$	15.87
Susan Croteau	\$	<u>104.70</u>
Total	\$	27,947.44

4140-ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITAL

Albert Cloutier, Jr.	\$	50.00
Department of Agriculture	\$	299.50
Everett R. Frizzell	\$	50.00
Frances Pepau	\$	50.00
Francis Hopps, Jr.	\$	50.00
Groveton High School	\$	90.00
James Eich	\$	50.00
Jane Hopps	\$	50.00
Janette Clang	\$	5,133.61
Expenses	\$	332.05
John Pepau, Sr.	\$	50.00
Judith Wentworth	\$	100.00
Lise Coulombe	\$	153.20
Mary Beth Gibson	\$	50.00
N.C. Precision Computers	\$	620.00
Nancy Spaulding	\$	75.00
National Market Reports	\$	115.50
NH City & Town Clerk	\$	20.00
Sargents Computers	\$	128.00
Smith & Town Printers	\$	1,535.00
State of NH-Treasurer	\$	320.75
Town Hall Press	\$	39.89
Trend Business Forms	\$	86.56
William Joyce	\$	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$	9,499.06

4150-FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Donald Croteau	\$	50.00
Expense	\$	31.52
Francis J. Dineen & Company	\$	3,200.00
Jo Ann Platt	\$	5,442.76
Expense	\$	328.23
John Pepau, Jr.	\$	50.00
NH Tax Collector Association	\$	60.00
Real Data Corp	\$	20.00
Red Jacket Mountain Resort	\$	260.04
Susan H. Croteau	\$	1,000.00
Expense	\$	<u>353.90</u>
Total	\$	10,796.45

4152-REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Avitar Associates of NE	\$	<u>1,746.60</u>
Total	\$	1,746.60

4153-LEGAL EXPENSES

Ransmeier & Parish	\$	<u>911.64</u>
Total	\$	911.64

4155-PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Berlin City Bank	\$	12,808.76
Medi	\$	-889.82
SS	\$	-3,809.56
W/T	\$	-3,411.00
State of NH-Unemployment	\$	<u>642.36</u>
Total	\$	5,340.74

4191-PLANNING AND ZONING

Michie	\$	42.69
Cartographics Associates	\$	<u>370.00</u>
Total	\$	412.69

4194-GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Anthony Haney	\$	679.64
Aubuchon Hardware	\$	372.81
Clarkeies	\$	21.17
Community Co-Op Oil	\$	1,285.06
Diane & Ed Belanger	\$	2,000.00
Emerson & Son	\$	113.04
Johnson's Fuel	\$	403.73
Morneau Movers, Inc.	\$	319.00
Perras Ace Inc.	\$	39.90
Prescott Farms	\$	15.93
PSNH	\$	1,334.38
Quill Corporation	\$	99.85
Robert Eich	\$	254.00
Ron's Electric	\$	<u>106.30</u>
Total	\$	7,044.81

4195-CEMETERIES

Brian Miles	\$	3.06
Carl Coulombe	\$	337.50

Expense	\$	10.15
F.B. Spaulding Co.	\$	88.50
Francis McMilleon	\$	2,106.66
Expense	\$	3.00
Jared Spaulding	\$	517.50
Lancaster Hardware	\$	10.04
Martin's Agway	\$	51.98
Northside Deli Mart	\$	10.80
Shellys Northside Deli Mart	\$	55.92
Stark General Store	\$	3.35
The Ramchem Co.	\$	<u>97.90</u>
Total	\$	3,296.36

4196-INSURANCE

Compensation Funds of NH	\$	3,362.00
NHMA-PLIT	\$	<u>10,343.00</u>
Total	\$	13,705.00

4197-ADVERTISING & REGIONAL

Sta-North	\$	350.00
North Country Publishing	\$	<u>734.86</u>
Total	\$	1,084.86

4199-OTHER GOVERNMENT

Ainsworth Land Management	\$	<u>2,444.00</u>
Total	\$	2,444.00

4210-POLICE

Donald Croteau	\$	1,051.00
Expense	\$	63.09
Emerson & Son, Inc.	\$	6.20
Francis Hopps, Jr.	\$	4,999.92
Expense	\$	1,041.00
Ossipee Mountain Electronic	\$	34.51
Pittsburg Firemens Assoc.-Leslie Lord	\$	25.00
Scott Philips Memorial	\$	25.00
Village Gun Store, Inc.	\$	<u>160.75</u>
Total	\$	7,406.47

4215-AMBULANCE

Town of Northumberland	\$	<u>3,108.00</u>
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Total	\$	3,108.00
4220-FIRE		
Anthony Haney	\$	11.88
Barry Wentworth	\$	11.88
Bell Atlantic	\$	226.22
Carl Coulombe	\$	11.88
Clark Wentworth	\$	11.88
Community Co-Op Oil	\$	1,013.76
Dean Demers	\$	11.88
Dingee Machine Co.	\$	12,559.85
Fire Tech & Safety	\$	450.00
James Gibson, Sr.	\$	60.63
James Hickey	\$	61.23
John Pepau, Jr.	\$	50.43
MCI	\$	11.06
Northern NH Fire Mutual Aid	\$	100.00
Nynex	\$	596.33
PSNH	\$	716.40
Ronald Lunn	\$	78.74
Stark Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$	2,215.00
State of NH-MV	\$	3.00
The Country Auto	\$	252.93
Travis Wentworth	\$	<u>50.43</u>
Total	\$	18,505.41
4290-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Franklin Platt	\$	<u>220.11</u>
Total	\$	220.11
4299-OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY		
Lancaster District Court	\$	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$	300.00
4312-HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
A.D. Sanel, Inc.	\$	971.32
A.D. Excavating	\$	440.00
Atlantic Broom	\$	489.57
Barry Wentworth	\$	11,292.06
Expense	\$	28.86
Bell Atlantic	\$	115.13

Berlin Insulation Co.	\$	1,850.00
Brian Miles	\$	3,415.90
Expense	\$	20.75
Bryant Steel Works	\$	485.00
Cargill Inc.-Salt Division	\$	1,279.08
Carl Coulombe	\$	140.50
Expense	\$	73.22
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	\$	2,290.88
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	\$	31,669.70
Colebrook Oil	\$	257.73
Contech Construction	\$	3,628.49
Coos Farm	\$	1,385.00
Currier Sales and Service	\$	681.40
David McMann	\$	100.00
Dean Demers	\$	66.00
DES Wetlands Bureau	\$	96.00
Donald Bacon	\$	75.00
Donald Croteau	\$	252.00
E & S Rental & Sales	\$	54.00
Emerson & Son	\$	521.71
Everett B. Bailey	\$	210.00
FedEx	\$	15.81
Grappone Industrial	\$	205.13
Howard P. Fairfield	\$	871.47
Isaacson Steel, Inc.	\$	802.30
Israel River Trucking	\$	367.50
James Beroney	\$	34.50
James Eich	\$	207.00
James Gibson	\$	903.21
James Lowe Company	\$	3,020.00
Jared Spaulding	\$	159.00
Jay's Towing	\$	75.00
John Pepau, Jr.	\$	50.00
Kelley's Auto Parts	\$	134.58
Labonville Inc.	\$	36.00
Lakes Region General	\$	41.20
Larry Gray, Trucking	\$	2,912.50
MCI	\$	69.14
Merriam-Graves Corp.	\$	75.00
N.H. Bituminous Co.	\$	24,694.20
National Laboratory	\$	84.75
NH Municipal Bond Bank	\$	2,000.00

Northwoods Contracting	\$	417.00
Nynex	\$	239.18
Pike Industries, Inc.	\$	1,212.43
Portland Glass	\$	148.00
PSNH	\$	1,069.36
Ron's Electric	\$	93.90
Ronald Lunn	\$	225.00
Ryan Ford Tractor	\$	262.01
Stark General Store	\$	489.40
Sumner Tire, Inc.	\$	19.31
The Country Auto	\$	899.76
The Oilman, Inc.	\$	948.44
Treasurer, State of NH	\$	592.98
Tuckerman Auto Electronic	\$	165.95
Waldon, Inc.	\$	1,364.30
Winston Emery	\$	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$	106,834.61

4313-BRIDGES

Dewey Hill Bridge

Gordon T. Burke & Son	\$	19,443.72
Provan & Lorber, Inc.	\$	3,778.86

Paris Road Bridge

Divine, Millimet & Branch	\$	773.58
North Country Publishing	\$	34.80
Provan & Lorber, Inc.	\$	23,396.75
The Berlin Reporter	\$	36.38
Tri State Drilling & Boring	\$	<u>1,790.00</u>

Total	\$	49,254.09
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4324-SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Atlantic Leasing Corp.	\$	875.50
AVRRDD	\$	7,431.89
Barry Wentworth	\$	497.35
Bell Atlantic	\$	141.96
Brian Miles	\$	378.49
Carl Coulombe	\$	25.20
City of Berlin	\$	431.92
Dean Peel	\$	3,082.96
Expense	\$	219.68
Donald Croteau	\$	261.44

Emerson & Son, Inc.	\$	196.20
George Bennett	\$	1,570.82
Expense	\$	40.00
Inland Divers, Inc.	\$	12.00
James Gibson, Sr.	\$	429.00
Jewell Resources, Inc.	\$	1,083.80
MCI	\$	5.67
Normandeau Trucking	\$	2,646.45
Nynex	\$	295.60
Perras Ace, Inc.	\$	24.37
PSNH	\$	678.39
Stark General Store	\$	14.62
Treasurer, State of NH	\$	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$	20,393.31

4415-HEALTH AGENCIES

Dr. Robert J. Hinkley	\$	75.00
Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Health	\$	125.00
Weeks Home Health	\$	<u>2,013.08</u>
Total	\$	2,213.08

4419-OTHER HEALTH

American Red Cross	\$	200.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$	250.00
Senior Fellowship	\$	700.00
Tri- County Community Action	\$	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$	1,750.00

4442-WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$	<u>902.11</u>
Total	\$	902.11

4550-LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$	500.00

4583-PARIOTIC PURPOSES

Carl Coulombe	\$	51.52
Emerson & Son, Inc.	\$	13.47
Green Earth Nursery	\$	<u>79.00</u>
Total	\$	143.99

4711-PRINCIPAL

Tax Anticipation Note	\$	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total	\$	100,000.00

4723-INTEREST ON TAX & REVENUE ANTIC. NOTES

Tax Anticipation Note	\$	<u>4,188.52</u>
Total	\$	4,188.52

4915-TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Bridge	\$	4,000.00
Back Hoe	\$	3,000.00
Compactor	\$	1,000.00
Dump	\$	1,000.00
Fire Department Building	\$	10,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	\$	1,500.00
Truck	\$	<u>5,000.00</u>
Nash Stream Bridge		\$7,788.00
Total	\$	25,500.00

4916-TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

Discount	\$	1,000.00
Investment	\$	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total	\$	51,000.00

4931-TAXES PAID TO COUNTY

County Tax	\$	<u>80,266.00</u>
Total	\$	80,266.00

4933-TAXES PAID TO SCHOOL

Treasurer, Stark School District	\$	<u>488,228.00</u>
Total	\$	488,228.00

4960-MISCELLANEOUS

Overpayments		
Bradley Sargent	\$	21.39
Dennis Faulkenham	\$	6.00
Eric & Mark Pratt	\$	18.20
Frederick Benway	\$	476.20
Harold Gonyer	\$	6.24
Marjorie Hickey	\$	99.80

Mark Poland	\$	124.17
Mary Fluery	\$	191.45
Maynard Knapp	\$	18.03
Nancy Spaulding	\$	103.54
Richard Daley	\$	13.85
Robert Normand	\$	200.00
Shane Riff	\$	7.32
Society for the Protection of NH Forests	\$	123.00
Tax & Welfare Liens		
Stark Tax Collector	\$	60,763.51
Hazardous Lime Spill		
Stark Volunteer Fire Department	\$	1,500.00
Twin Mountain Fence Co.	\$	450.00
Insufficient Checks	\$	2,167.01
Voids	\$	108.91
Bank Errors	\$	<u>15.94</u>
Total	\$	66,414.56
Total Expenditures	\$	1,111,357.91



DEWEY HILL BRIDGE

MUNICIPAL MANAGED PROJECT

The projected cost from the Department of Transportation

Dated: May 12, 1993

Preliminary Engineering & Borings	\$ 40,000.00
Rights-of-way	\$ 10,000.00
Construction (bridge)	\$ 105,000.00
(approaches)	\$ 60,000.00
Temporary Bridge (if required)	\$ 20,000.00
Construction Engineering & Engineering	\$ 35,000.00
Utility Relocation	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
Total Cost	\$ 275,000.00

The actual cost of bridge construction from the Town of Stark

Dated: March 6, 1996 through July 14, 1997

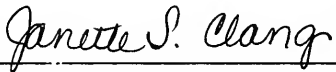
Engineering (Provan & Lorber, Inc.)	\$ 51,939.98
Borings	\$ 700.00
Advertisement and road signs	\$ 326.75
Rights-of-Way (Cloutier Sand & Gravel)	\$ 9,521.50
Construction (Gordon T. Burke & Son)	\$ 140,915.72
Bridge (Dopp & Dopp)	\$ <u>38,820.00</u>
Total Cost	\$ 242,223.95

Did you know Stark and Percy didn't have electricity until 1939? Six more years would pass before the Crystal area had electricity. When Crystal was added, its service came from Berlin because Berlin was closer than Lancaster. To this day Public Service in Berlin serves customers in eastern Stark while Lancaster covers the rest of the Town.

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT
DECEMBER 31 1997**

Auto Permits Issued	\$	47657.50
Title Fees	\$	180.00
Vital Statistics	\$	283.32
Dog Licenses Issued	\$	1036.50
Dog Penalties	\$	27.00
Filing Fees	\$	34.00
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)	\$	315.50
Municipal Clerk Fees	\$	1,297.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER	\$	50,830.82

I hereby certify that the above figures are correct to the best of my knowledge.



Janette S. Clang
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK
State of New Hampshire, for the Year Ending
December 31, 1997

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
June 21	Lloyd Bernard Murray, Jr.	Stark, NH	Tamera Anne Ripel	Stark, NH
June 21	Greg Michael Ainsworth	Stark, NH	Patricia Jean Moyer	Lancaster, NH
June 28	Michael Peter Rogowski	Malta, NY	Betty Jo Hazzard	Malta, NY
July 04	Kim R. Shannon	Everett, MA	Frances C. Perham	Everett, MA
August 16	Leo James Hickey	Louisville, KY	Jane Carol Hickey	Louisville, KY
October 10	Michael Joseph Baumann	Kew Gdns., NY	Elizabeth Soto	Kew Gdns., NY

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK, State of New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>PARENT' S NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
January 22	Jessi Marie Demers	Debra (Villeneuve) & Dean Demers	Lancaster, NH
May 26	Trevor James Gibson	Mary Beth (Wiles) & James Gibson, Jr.	Lancaster, NH
August 27	Laura Dorion Tilton	Lisabeth (Henderson) & John Tilton	Berlin, NH
December 9	Dylan James Rogers	Michelle (Hale) & Shane Rogers	Littleton, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK,
State of New Hampshire, for the Year Ending
December 31, 1997**

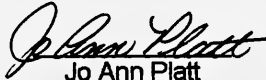
<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
January 03	Maurice Robidas	Canada	Florence (Lescault) & Donnat Robidas
October 10	Marcia Eldora Dingman	Pittsburgh, NH	Emma (Dearth) & Urban Terrill
December 12	Phillip Albert Doucette, Sr.	Manchester, NH	Annie (Parsons) & Philippe Doucette

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S DESK

All in all, 1997 went pretty well. By year's end, we had collected 81% of the taxes levied for the year. Only one property went to deed—a house on Northside Road. The new owners are living there and have done a great job of breathing new life into this virtually abandoned property.

As in previous years, I attended the Tax Collectors Spring Workshop and the New Hampshire State Tax Collectors Convention. These two events provide wonderful opportunities to learn from both the Department of Revenue experts and other tax collectors. I also attended a very interesting seminar on violence in the workplace. This was particularly informative and timely since it took place quite soon after the shootings in Colebrook. Three to four times a year our tax collection software provider, Avitar Associates of New Hampshire, holds user workshops for the collectors using their system. These workshops are especially useful in that they provide an opportunity for input directly from the users. Avitar has improved and added many features as a result of these sessions.

It continues to be a pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector and please feel free to contact me anytime I can be of help.



Jo Ann Platt
Tax Collector

Do you know who was married in the last wedding performed at Holy Angels Church in Percy?

Answer: Donald Croteau and Madeleine Gallant. The church was torn down in 1972.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DEBITS	1997	1996
Uncollected Taxes 01-01-98		
Property Tax		\$ 91,473.62
Land Use Change Tax		\$ 100.00
Taxes Committed in 1997		
Property Tax	\$ 703,188.00	
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 740.00	
Yield Tax	\$ 7,924.45	
Overpayment		
Property Tax	\$ 345.71	\$ 81.47
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$ <u>472.80</u>	\$ <u>6,419.22</u>
Total Debits	\$ 712,670.96	\$ 98,074.31
CREDITS		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Tax	\$ 573,368.68	\$ 91,459.30
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 740.00	\$ 100.00
Yield Tax	\$ 6,623.08	
Interest & Penalties	\$ 472.80	\$ 6,419.22
Overpayments	\$ 345.71	\$ 81.47
* Abatements Made		
Property Tax	\$ 28,521.28	\$ <u>14.32</u>
Current Levy Deeded	\$ 712.00	
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-97		
Property Tax	\$ 100,586.04	
Yield Tax	\$ <u>1,301.37</u>	
Total Credits	\$ 712,670.96	\$ 98,074.31

* Includes Discounts

DEBITS-LIENS**1996****1995****Prior**

Unredeemed 01-01-98		\$ 53,490.12	\$ 26,730.74
Liens Executed in 1997	\$ 58,218.15		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ <u>1,280.20</u>	\$ <u>5,936.93</u>	\$ <u>6,961.63</u>
Total Debits-Liens	\$ 59,498.35	\$ 59,427.05	\$ 33,692.37

CREDITS-LIENS**Remitted to Treasurer**

Redemptions	\$ 8,861.66	\$ 23,305.17	\$ 21,667.85
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 1,280.20	\$ 5,936.93	\$ 6,961.63
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			\$ 76.82
Liens Deeded to Town	\$ 1,554.14	\$ 1,570.41	\$ 2,235.48
Unredeemed Liens 12-31-97	\$ <u>47,802.35</u>	\$ <u>28,614.54</u>	\$ <u>2,750.59</u>
Total Credits-Liens	\$ 59,498.35	\$ 59,427.05	\$ 33,692.37



Jo Ann Platt
Tax Collector

FY97STARK COLLECTOR RECEIVABLES

OWNER	WRNT	PG	LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/97 AMOUNT DUE
ALCANTARA, GAIL	95L1	0	1	0415-0013-0000	03/20/96	1,452.45	1,918.75
	96L1	0	1	0415-0013-0000	03/19/97	1,419.74	1,620.68
	97P1	1	4	0415-0013-0000	06/25/97	647.00	687.20
	97P2	1	4	0415-0013-0000	12/17/97	731.00	734.36
						(4,250.19) (	4,960.99)
BAKER, KELLY & ANTHO	96L1	0	2	0407-0021-0000	03/19/97	2,194.39	2,527.97
	97P1	4	3	0407-0021-0000	06/25/97	1,011.00	1,073.82
	97P2	4	3	0407-0021-0000	12/17/97	1,144.00	1,149.27
						(4,349.39) (	4,751.06)
BALL, WARREN & IRENE	97P2	4	8	0202-0008-0000	12/17/97	897.00	901.13
	97P2	5	1	0202-0009-0000	12/17/97	411.00	412.89
						(1,308.00) (	1,314.02)
BEATON, RANDY & JOYA	97P2	5	7	0202-0033-0000	12/17/97	1,106.00	1,111.09
BELANGER, EDMOND & D	97P1	6	6	0406-0012-0000	06/25/97	764.00	811.47
	97P2	6	5	0406-0012-0000	12/17/97	848.00	851.90
						(1,612.00) (	1,663.37)
BELANGER, EDMUND	87L1	0	1	0406-0012-0000	03/15/94	246.22	414.63
BELANGER, EDMUND & D	95L1	0	4	0406-0012-0000	11/26/97	700.33	712.42
	96L1	0	3	0406-0012-0000	03/19/97	1,650.90	1,907.56
						(2,351.23) (	2,619.98)
BENNETT, GEORGE S &	95L1	0	5	0408-0086-0000	03/20/96	1,718.59	2,270.33
	96L1	0	4	0408-0086-0000	03/19/97	1,699.57	1,940.12
	97P1	7	1	0408-0086-0000	06/25/97	787.00	835.90
	97P2	6	8	0408-0086-0000	12/17/97	874.00	878.02
						(5,079.16) (	5,924.37)
BLAKE, GEORGE	97P1	9	3	0409-0010-0000	12/13/97	51.31	51.61
	97P2	9	1	0409-0010-0000	12/17/97	450.00	452.07
						(501.31) (	503.68)
BOIVIN, DENNIS & CIN	96L1	0	6	0202-0038-0000	03/19/97	1,720.73	1,987.27
	96L1	0	7	0202-0054-0000	03/19/97	503.37	597.61
	97P1	9	5	0202-0038-0000	06/25/97	797.00	846.52
	97P1	9	6	0202-0054-0000	06/25/97	647.00	687.20
	97P2	9	4	0202-0038-0000	12/17/97	885.00	889.07
	97P2	9	5	0202-0054-0000	12/17/97	719.00	722.31
						(5,272.10) (	5,729.98)
BOIVIN, DORIS & ALBE	97P1	9	8	0202-0030-0000	06/25/97	981.00	1,041.96
	97P2	9	7	0202-0030-0000	12/17/97	1,144.00	1,149.27
						(2,125.00) (	2,191.23)
BOIVIN, RONALD	97P1	10	3	0202-0031-0000A	09/10/97	324.96	336.93
	97P2	10	1	0202-0031-0000	12/17/97	154.00	154.71
	97P2	10	2	0202-0031-0000A	12/17/97	415.00	416.91
						(893.96) (	908.55)
CAMARA, DONA	97P1	13	2	0407-0002-0000	06/25/97	127.00	134.89
	97P2	13	2	0407-0002-0000	12/17/97	141.00	141.65
						(268.00) (	276.54)
CARON, ROGER & RUTH	97Y1	0	18	0408-0060-0000	01/24/98	441.81	441.81
COTE, ESTATE OF	97P2	20	1	0405-0016-0000	12/17/97	549.00	551.53
COTE, RICHARD	97P1	20	3	0202-0043-0000	06/25/97	600.00	637.28
	97P2	20	4	0202-0043-0000	12/17/97	665.00	668.06
						(1,265.00) (	1,305.34)
COVILL, RICHARD R &	95L1	0	13	0412-0023-0000	04/09/96	0.00	0.79
	97P2	21	5	0412-0023-0000	12/17/97	674.00	677.10
						(674.00) (677.89)
CROSBY, BRADFORD	96L1	0	11	0419-0001-0005	04/25/97	52.32	58.77

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OWNER	WRNT	PG	LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/97 AMOUNT DUE
	97P1	21	8	0419-0001-0005	06/25/97	117.00	124.27
	97P2	21	8	0419-0001-0005	12/17/97	130.00	130.60
						(299.32) (	313.64)
CROTEAU, DENNIS & SU	96L1	0	12	0203-0027-0000	08/29/97	451.42	479.02
	97P1	22	1	0203-0027-0000	06/25/97	375.00	398.30
	97P2	22	1	0203-0027-0000	12/17/97	472.00	474.17
						(1,298.42) (	1,351.49)
DAVENPORT, LARRY	97P2	24	3	0202-0037-0000	12/17/97	673.00	676.10
DEMERS, BRUCE & LEON	97P1	24	4	0202-0013-0000	06/25/97	1,017.00	1,080.19
	97P2	24	4	0202-0013-0000	12/17/97	1,185.00	1,190.45
						(2,202.00) (	2,270.64)
DROUIN, BRENTON W. &	97P1	27	7	0408-0019-0000	06/25/97	1,509.00	1,602.76
	97P1	27	8	0408-0020-0000	06/25/97	112.00	118.96
	97P2	27	7	0408-0019-0000	12/17/97	1,706.00	1,713.85
	97P2	27	8	0408-0020-0000	12/17/97	134.00	134.62
						(3,461.00) (	3,570.19)
DUBE, JEAN-PAUL & PR	96L1	0	13	0412-0018-0000	05/18/97	60.73	69.26
	97P1	28	1	0412-0018-0000	06/25/97	8.00	8.50
	97P2	28	1	0412-0018-0000	12/17/97	19.00	19.09
						(87.73) (	96.85)
DUMONT, RONALD	96L1	0	14	0412-0020-0000	03/19/97	125.13	165.84
	97P2	28	4	0412-0020-0000	12/17/97	712.50	715.78
						(837.63) (	881.62)
DUMONT, RONALD P. &	97P2	28	5	0412-0019-0000	12/17/97	409.45	411.33
FARRELL, ROBERT & LE	95L1	0	17	0405-0028-0000	05/10/97	983.34	1,297.22
	96L1	0	15	0405-0028-0000	03/19/97	974.22	1,112.11
	97P1	31	1	0405-0028-0000	06/25/97	440.00	467.34
	97P2	31	1	0405-0028-0000	12/17/97	498.00	500.29
						(2,895.56) (	3,376.96)
FERRETTI, QUINTO & S	97P1	31	8	0205-0048-0000	07/28/97	8.73	9.18
FORBUSH, DANIEL	95L1	0	18	0205-0042-0000	03/20/96	1,578.13	2,084.77
	96L1	0	16	0205-0042-0000	03/19/97	1,615.95	1,844.66
	97P1	33	2	0205-0042-0000	06/25/97	748.00	794.48
	97P2	33	2	0205-0042-0000	12/17/97	830.00	833.82
						(4,772.08) (	5,557.73)
FRIZZELL, MARGARET	95L1	0	19	0204-0020-0000	03/20/96	996.07	1,315.85
	95L1	0	20	0204-0020-000A	06/12/97	65.42	71.94
	96L1	0	17	0204-0020-0000	03/19/97	1,089.86	1,244.11
	96L1	0	18	0204-0020-000A	03/19/97	93.62	106.87
	97P1	33	8	0204-0020-0000	06/25/97	499.00	530.01
	97P1	34	1	0204-0020-000A	06/25/97	40.00	42.49
	97P2	33	8	0204-0020-0000	12/17/97	554.00	556.55
	97P2	34	1	0204-0020-000A	12/17/97	43.00	43.20
						(3,380.97) (	3,911.02)
GAGNE, JEANETTE & BR	97P1	35	1	0412-0044-0000	06/25/97	753.00	799.79
	97P2	35	1	0412-0044-0000	12/17/97	851.00	854.92
						(1,604.00) (	1,654.71)
GAUTHIER, ARTHUR W.	95L1	0	22	0203-0010-0000	03/20/96	3,852.83	5,135.75
	96L1	0	19	0203-0010-0000	03/19/97	3,804.91	4,389.44
	97P1	35	4	0203-0010-0000	06/25/97	1,782.00	1,892.73
	97P2	35	4	0203-0010-0000	12/17/97	2,016.00	2,025.28
						(11,455.74) (	13,443.20)
GELINAS, ROGER & VIR	97P2	35	6	0204-0018-0000	12/17/97	923.00	927.25
GIBSON, RETA	97Y1	0	16	0201-0023-0000	10/25/97	21.46	22.17

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OWNER	WRNT	PG LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/97 AMOUNT DUE
CONYER, HAROLD & MEL	97P2	38 2	0407-0013-0000	12/17/97	504.00	506.32
GREEN, RICHARD &	97P2	38 7	0202-0024-0000	12/17/97	335.00	336.54
HAND, ALICE	97P1	40 5	0203-0031-0000	06/25/97	475.00	504.52
	97P2	40 5	0203-0031-0000	12/17/97	528.00	530.43
					(1,003.00)	(1,034.95)
HANEY, ANTHONY & MAR	97P2	40 6	0202-0029-0000	12/17/97	521.00	523.40
HIGGINS, KERRY	95L1	0 25	0204-0013-0000	03/20/96	1,134.89	1,522.24
	96L1	0 20	0204-0013-0000	03/19/97	1,123.12	1,305.08
	97P1	43 1	0204-0013-0000	06/25/97	482.00	511.95
	97P2	43 2	0204-0013-0000	12/17/97	602.00	604.77
					(3,342.01)	(3,944.04)
HODGDON, FREDERICK J	97P2	43 4	0409-0017-0000	12/17/97	11.27	11.32
HOPPS, HARRY & MAXIN	95L1	0 26	0201-0011-0000	04/17/97	1,418.69	1,856.53
	96L1	0 21	0201-0011-0000	03/19/97	1,416.60	1,617.10
	97P1	44 1	0201-0011-0000	06/25/97	647.00	687.20
	97P2	44 2	0201-0011-0000	12/17/97	733.00	736.37
					(4,215.29)	(4,897.20)
JAMES RIVER CORPORAT	97P2	0 3	0409-02.1-0000	12/24/97	1,234.00	1,236.84
JOHNSON, DOROTHY L.	97P2	46 8	0408-0087-0000	12/17/97	865.00	868.98
JOHNSON, PETER & PAU	97P1	47 3	0405-0039-0000	08/22/97	421.90	440.07
	97P2	47 3	0405-0039-0000	12/17/97	609.00	611.80
					(1,030.90)	(1,051.87)
KEDDY, FRANCIS & JOY	97P1	49 3	0201-0038-0000	06/25/97	1,316.00	1,397.77
	97P2	49 3	0201-0038-0000	12/17/97	1,489.00	1,495.85
					(2,805.00)	(2,893.62)
KEISER, STEVE	95L1	0 32	0201-0027-0000	03/20/96	386.70	510.85
	96L1	0 23	0201-0027-0000	03/19/97	385.69	440.28
	97P1	49 4	0201-0027-0000	06/25/97	156.00	165.69
	97P2	49 4	0201-0027-0000	12/17/97	182.00	182.84
					(1,110.39)	(1,299.66)
KELLEY, BARRY	97P2	49 5	0205-0027-0000	12/17/97	462.00	464.13
KENNEDY, JOHN & MARG	97P2	49 7	0201-0034-0000	12/17/97	32.00	32.15
KING, RAYMOND & JEAN	96L1	0 24	0405-0012-0000	03/19/97	918.41	1,048.40
	97P1	50 3	0405-0012-0000	06/25/97	418.00	443.97
	97P2	50 3	0405-0012-0000	12/17/97	465.00	467.14
					(1,801.41)	(1,959.51)
KNAPP, MAYNARD & BON	97P1	50 4	0408-0106-0000	06/25/97	1,343.00	1,426.45
	97P2	50 4	0408-0106-0000	12/17/97	1,490.00	1,496.86
					(2,833.00)	(2,923.31)
LACHANCE, JOHN & JIL	97P2	51 2	0411-0021-0000	12/17/97	1,454.00	1,460.69
LIBERTO, VINCENT	97P2	53 5	0411-0001-0000	12/17/97	384.00	385.77
	97P2	53 6	0411-0006-0000	12/17/97	7.00	7.03
	97P2	53 7	0411-0007-0000	12/17/97	11.00	11.05
					(402.00)	(403.85)
LINDEN, BRUCE & LAUR	97P2	53 8	0401-0006-0000	12/17/97	19.00	19.09
MARTINELL, JEFFREY &	97Y1	0 11	0415-0009-0000	07/21/97	6.66	7.20
MASON, HARLEY & DEBO	96L1	0 25	0203-0021-0000	03/19/97	3,397.56	3,901.43
	97P1	57 4	0203-0021-0000	06/25/97	1,575.00	1,672.87
	97P2	56 2	0203-0021-0000	12/17/97	1,747.00	1,755.04
					(6,719.56)	(7,329.34)
MAYHEW, ROBERT & JOS	97P2	56 5	0203-0005-0000	12/17/97	139.00	139.64
	97P2	56 6	0203-0012-0000	12/17/97	3,129.00	3,143.40
	97P2	56 7	0205-0050-0000	12/17/97	307.00	308.41
	97P2	56 8	0205-0051-0000	12/17/97	589.00	591.71
					(4,164.00)	(4,183.16)

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OWNER	WRNT	PG LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/97 AMOUNT DUE
MCGRAVEY, WILLIAM	97P2	57 2	0408-0014-0000	12/17/97	243.00	244.12
MINICHIELLO, ROBERT	95L1	0 35	0408-0114-0000	08/29/97	2,258.23	2,396.32
	96L1	0 26	0408-0114-0000	03/19/97	3,109.72	3,572.85
	97P1	59 6	0408-0114-0000	06/25/97	1,439.00	1,528.42
	97P2	58 3	0408-0114-0000	12/17/97	1,628.00	1,635.49
					(8,434.95) (	9,133.08)
MONTGOMERY, JOHN	97P2	59 3	0204-0011-0000	12/17/97	19.00	19.09
	97P2	59 4	0204-0027-0000	12/17/97	132.05	132.66
					(151.05) (	151.75)
MONTGOMERY, WAYNE & PARKS, NEAL ARTHUR	97P2	59 6	0405-0020-0000	12/17/97	348.00	349.60
	97P2	65 7	0407-0005-0000	12/17/97	609.00	611.80
	97P2	65 8	0407-0006-0000	12/17/97	5.00	5.02
					(614.00) (	616.82)
PEABODY, MARK	97P2	66 2	0405-0032-00MH	12/26/97	59.46	59.56
PEEL, DAVID F. II	96L1	0 27	0202-0049-0000	03/19/97	1,121.66	1,280.41
	96L1	0 28	0407-0016-0000	03/19/97	37.43	42.73
	97P1	67 3	0202-0049-0000	06/25/97	1,105.00	1,173.66
	97P1	67 4	0407-0016-0000	06/25/97	8.00	8.50
	97P2	66 3	0202-0049-0000	12/17/97	1,227.00	1,232.65
	97P2	66 4	0407-0016-0000	12/17/97	9.00	9.04
					(3,508.09) (	3,746.99)
PEPPER, BRUCE	94L1	0 44	0419-0001-0004	03/15/95	376.11	578.67
	95L1	0 38	0419-0001-0004	03/20/96	404.60	534.49
	96L1	0 29	0419-0001-0004	03/19/97	402.62	459.60
	97P1	68 2	0419-0001-0004	06/25/97	170.00	180.56
					(1,353.33) (	1,753.32)
PERRAS, PAUL & LISA	96L1	0 30	0408-0034-0000	06/24/97	2,377.96	2,600.77
	97P1	68 5	0408-0034-0000	06/25/97	1,482.00	1,574.09
	97P2	67 5	0408-0034-0000	12/17/97	1,677.00	1,684.72
					(5,536.96) (	5,859.58)
RIFF, SHANE M & WAND	97P1	73 2	0203-0016-0000	06/25/97	1,018.00	1,081.26
ROGERS, MURRAY JR &	96L1	0 31	0411-0009-0000	10/22/97	2,535.12	2,842.64
	97P1	73 5	0411-0009-0000	06/25/97	1,171.00	1,243.76
	97P2	72 5	0411-0009-0000	12/17/97	1,300.00	1,305.98
					(5,006.12) (	5,392.38)
ROLFE, ROBERT	95L1	0 44	0409-0001-0000	03/20/96	50.88	67.21
	95L1	0 45	0409-0006-0000	03/20/96	395.19	522.06
	96L1	0 33	0409-0006-0000	07/01/97	109.86	119.77
	97P1	73 8	0409-0006-0000	06/25/97	142.00	150.82
	97P2	72 8	0409-0006-0000	12/17/97	157.00	157.72
					(854.93) (	1,017.58)
ROLFE, THOMAS	95L1	0 46	0409-0007-0000	05/16/96	245.21	317.04
	96L1	0 34	0409-0007-0000	07/01/97	122.34	133.38
	97P1	74 1	0409-0007-0000	06/25/97	255.00	270.84
	97P2	73 1	0409-0007-0000	12/17/97	294.00	295.35
					(916.55) (	1,016.61)
SALEM, MARTHA	97P2	74 3	0408-0084-00MH	12/17/97	119.00	119.55
SARGENT, BRADLEY & D	97P2	74 5	0203-0017-0000	12/17/97	1,040.00	1,044.79
SHANNON, JOE	87L1	0 2	0201-0040-0000	03/15/94	2,128.26	3,583.99
	96L1	0 35	0415-0010-000A	11/12/97	360.73	369.45
	97P1	76 2	0415-0010-000A	06/25/97	264.00	280.40
	97P2	75 1	0415-0010-000A	12/17/97	292.00	293.34
					(3,044.99) (4,527.18)
SHANNON, JOE & SYLVI	96L1	0 36	0201-0040-0000	03/19/97	47.36	54.06

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OWNER	WRNT	PG LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/97 AMOUNT DUE
	96L1	0 37	0201-0042-0000	12/03/97	1,020.47	1,034.56
	96L1	0 38	0201-0042-00MH	03/19/97	155.98	178.06
	96L1	0 39	0415-0010-0000	03/19/97	973.25	1,111.00
	97P1	76 3	0201-0040-0000	06/25/97	12.00	12.75
	97P1	76 4	0201-0042-0000	06/25/97	651.00	691.45
	97P1	76 5	0201-0042-00MH	06/25/97	64.00	67.98
	97P1	76 6	0415-0010-0000	06/25/97	444.00	471.59
	97P2	75 2	0201-0040-0000	12/17/97	12.00	12.06
	97P2	75 3	0201-0042-0000	12/17/97	778.00	781.58
	97P2	75 4	0201-0042-00MH	12/17/97	72.00	72.33
	97P2	75 5	0415-0010-0000	12/17/97	493.00	495.27
				(	4,723.06)	(4,982.69)
SHANNON, MARALYN	95L1	0 52	0203-0001-0000	02/18/97	2,484.68	3,260.76
SMITH, DIANNE	95L1	0 53	0202-0010-0000	05/06/97	906.50	1,194.21
	96L1	0 40	0202-0010-0000	03/19/97	898.28	1,025.42
	97P1	77 4	0202-0010-0000	06/25/97	408.00	433.35
	97P2	76 3	0202-0010-0000	12/17/97	454.00	456.09
				(	2,666.78)	(3,109.07)
SNIHUROWYCH, BOHDAN	97P2	76 4	0205-0044-0000	12/17/97	807.00	810.71
SPRAGUE, ANDREA	97P2	78 6	0204-0015-0000	12/17/97	184.00	184.85
SPURRELL, ROGER JR &	96L1	0 41	0404-0004-0000	03/19/97	498.15	591.66
	97P1	80 1	0404-0004-0000	06/25/97	489.00	519.38
	97P2	78 8	0404-0004-0000	12/17/97	553.00	555.55
				(	1,540.15)	(1,666.59)
ST. ONGE, RICHARD	95L1	0 55	0411-0038-0000	03/20/96	1,846.39	2,439.16
	96L1	0 42	0411-0038-0000	03/19/97	1,825.50	2,083.87
	97P1	80 5	0411-0038-0000	06/25/97	847.00	899.63
	97P2	79 4	0411-0038-0000	12/17/97	939.00	943.32
				(	5,457.89)	(6,365.98)
ST. PIERRE, ROBERT &	97P1	80 6	0412-0054-0000	06/25/97	135.00	143.39
	97P2	79 5	0412-0054-0000	12/17/97	150.00	150.69
				(	285.00)	(294.08)
STEADY, GEORGE GORDO	97Y1	0 8	0414-0003-0000	05/24/97	831.44	922.06
	97P1	82 3	0203-0019-0000	06/25/97	7.00	7.43
	97P1	82 4	0414-0003-0000	06/25/97	10.00	10.62
	97P1	82 5	0414-0004-0000	06/25/97	397.00	421.67
	97P2	81 2	0203-0019-0000	12/17/97	7.00	7.03
	97P2	81 3	0414-0003-0000	12/17/97	11.00	11.05
	97P2	81 4	0414-0004-0000	12/17/97	441.00	443.03
				(	1,704.44)	(1,822.89)
STEARNS, PHILIP JR.	97P1	82 6	0411-0013-0000	12/16/97	684.26	687.63
	97P2	81 5	0411-0013-0000	12/17/97	912.00	916.20
				(	1,596.26)	(1,603.83)
SWALLOW, JEFFREY	95L1	0 57	0412-0053-0000	03/20/96	1,410.92	1,863.88
	96L1	0 45	0412-0053-0000	03/19/97	1,395.44	1,615.94
	97P1	83 6	0412-0053-0000	06/25/97	637.00	676.58
	97P2	82 6	0412-0053-0000	12/17/97	721.00	724.32
				(	4,164.36)	(4,880.72)
TIERNEY, DAVID & VER	95L1	0 58	0202-0027-0000	03/20/96	1,364.46	1,848.51
	96L1	0 46	0202-0027-0000	03/19/97	1,349.91	1,586.97
	97P1	84 5	0202-0027-0000	06/25/97	616.00	654.28
	97P2	83 5	0202-0027-0000	12/17/97	697.00	700.21
				(4,027.37)	(4,789.97)
TIPPITT, ROBERT G.,	96L1	0 47	0205-0030-0000	11/13/97	141.42	144.77

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OWNER	WRNT	PG LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/97 AMOUNT DUE
	96L1	0 48	0409-0019-0000	03/19/97	591.92	675.70
	97P1	84 8	0205-0030-0000	06/25/97	596.00	633.03
	97P1	85 1	0409-0019-0000	06/25/97	270.00	286.78
	97P2	83 8	0205-0030-0000	12/17/97	675.00	678.11
	97P2	84 1	0409-0019-0000	12/17/97	310.00	311.43
					(2,584.34)	(2,729.82)
VAN BUSKIRK, KEITH	96L1	0 50	0407-0014-0000	03/19/97	129.53	147.86
	96L1	0 51	0407-0017-0000	03/19/97	107.12	122.28
	97P1	88 5	0407-0014-0000	06/25/97	35.00	37.17
	97P1	88 6	0407-0017-0000	06/25/97	35.00	37.17
	97P2	87 5	0407-0014-0000	12/17/97	49.00	49.23
	97P2	87 6	0407-0017-0000	12/17/97	50.00	50.23
					(405.65)	(443.94)
VEINOTTE, EVERETT &	96L1	0 52	0412-0010-0000	03/19/97	29.18	33.31
	96L1	0 53	0412-0032-0000	03/19/97	968.67	1,105.77
					(997.85)	(1,139.08)
VEINOTTE, LAURA	97P1	88 8	0412-0010-0000	06/25/97	7.00	7.43
	97P1	89 1	0412-0032-0000	06/25/97	924.00	981.41
	97P2	87 8	0412-0010-0000	12/17/97	7.00	7.03
	97P2	88 1	0412-0032-0000	12/17/97	1,025.00	1,029.72
					(1,963.00)	(2,025.59)
VINYARD, DON	97P1	89 3	0412-0015-0000	06/25/97	649.00	689.33
	97P2	88 3	0412-0015-0000	12/17/97	720.00	723.31
					(1,369.00)	(1,412.64)
WARNER, SHIRLY ANN	95L1	0 62	0411-0037-0000	05/12/97	344.43	468.52
	96L1	0 54	0411-0037-0000	03/19/97	343.36	414.96
	97P1	90 3	0411-0037-0000	06/25/97	142.00	150.82
	97P2	89 3	0411-0037-0000	12/17/97	167.00	167.77
					(996.79)	(1,202.07)
WATSON SR. , DAVID B	97P2	89 4	0412-0064-0000	12/17/97	113.00	113.52
WENTIORTH, BARRY & L	95L1	0 64	0412-0029-0000	05/14/97	677.40	817.88
	96L1	0 55	0412-0028-0000	03/19/97	40.88	46.67
	96L1	0 56	0412-0029-0000	03/19/97	668.37	762.97
	97P1	90 6	0412-0028-0000	06/25/97	3.00	3.19
	97P1	90 7	0412-0029-0000	06/25/97	311.00	330.32
	97P2	89 7	0412-0028-0000	12/17/97	4.00	4.02
	97P2	89 8	0412-0029-0000	12/17/97	346.00	347.59
					(2,050.65)	(2,312.64)
WENTIORTH, LUCILLE	95L1	0 65	0412-0012-0000	03/20/96	1,938.21	2,583.46
	96L1	0 57	0412-0012-0000	03/19/97	1,741.88	2,011.42
	97P1	91 2	0412-0012-0000	06/25/97	807.00	857.14
	97P2	90 3	0412-0012-0000	12/17/97	913.00	917.20
					(5,400.09)	(6,369.22)
WHITCOMB, ESTATE OF	97P1	91 5	0408-0066-0000	06/25/97	128.00	135.95
WOLIN, RICHARD	97P2	91 2	0405-0062-0000	12/17/97	1,567.00	1,574.21
					180,957.74	200,552.30

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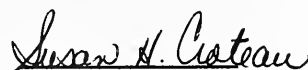
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

General Fund:

Balance on hand 12-31-96	\$	324,896.33
Total Receipts to Treasurer	\$	<u>1,099,198.99</u>
	\$	1,424,095.32
Accrued Interest	\$	<u>2,734.51</u>
	\$	1,426,829.83
Less Payments	\$	<u>-1,109,174.96</u>
	\$	317,654.87
Bank Charges	\$	<u>-2,182.95</u>
	\$	315,471.92
Other Credits	\$	<u>217.77</u>
	\$	315,689.69
Balance on Statement 12-31-97	\$	343,329.61
Outstanding Checks	\$	<u>-27,639.92</u>
Beginning Balance 01-01-98	\$	315,689.69

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool:

Beginning Balance 12-31-96	\$	54,515.87
Income Earned	\$	1,488.00
Contribution 06-19-97	\$	<u>50,000.00</u>
	\$	106,003.87
Income Earned	\$	780.65
Contribution 07-10-97	\$	<u>100,000.00</u>
	\$	206,784.52
Income Earned	\$	<u>4,608.00</u>
Beginning Balance 01-01-98	\$	211,392.52


 Susan H. Croteau
 Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beg. Year	New Funds Created	With- drawals	Balance End Year
Bridge Account	Maintenance of Bridges	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$22,291.59	\$4,821.56	\$24,000.00	\$3,113.15
Dump Account	Future Outlay for Dump	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$21,447.59	\$2,148.30		\$23,595.89
Revaluation Account	For Revaluation	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$3,372.50	\$179.61		\$3,552.11
Back Hoe Account	For Back Hoe	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$4,011.75	\$3,234.52		\$7,246.27
Compactor Account	For Compactor	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$1,002.95	\$1,060.67		\$2,063.62
Discount Account	For Discount Fund	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$10,668.70	\$1,574.81		\$12,243.51
Town Truck Account	For Town Truck	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$10,411.70	\$5,589.29		\$16,000.99
Fire Dept. Equipment	For Equipment	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$14,013.42	\$2,218.80	\$12,559.85	\$3,672.37
Fire Dept. Building	For Building	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$5,056.84	\$10,339.41		\$15,396.25
Fire Dept. Building	For Building	Siwooganock	\$3,722.82	\$197.13		\$3,919.95
Education/Handicapped	For Handicapped	Berlin City Bank	\$42,478.91	\$2,069.28		\$44,548.19
Education/Handicapped	For Handicapped	Berlin City Bank	\$3,421.67	\$173.75		\$3,595.42
Education/Handicapped	For Handicapped	Siwooganock	\$9,682.62	\$3,276.16		\$12,958.78
TOTAL			\$151,583.06	\$36,883.29	\$36,559.85	\$151,906.50

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Purpose of Trust Funds	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Balance Beg. Year	Income Amount	Balance End Year	Grand Total
Care of Cemetery Lots	\$6,620.88	\$6,620.88	\$5,168.72	\$476.99	\$5,645.71	\$12,266.59


 Donald Croteau
 Trustee of the Trust Funds


VILLAGE LIBRARY

The Library has been opened 2-3 hours each week throughout the year. We are working on getting the donated computer operational (with Lise's help).

There are a number of new books available, lots of old favorites and several editions pertaining to this area's history.

This year will see the purchase of videos, a variety of educational and/or historical for both adults and children; classics and new releases. Also, we will have a hand-railing installed for the steps and walkway.

Ending Balance December 31, 1996	\$432.32
Revenue:	
Annual Appropriation	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$932.32
Expenses:	
Librarian Salary	<u>\$250.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 1997	\$682.32


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Librarian

Do you know when Stark got its first phone and where it was located?

Answer: 1900, in Kimball's Store

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of
the Board of Selectmen
Town of Stark
Stark, New Hampshire 03582

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund financial statements of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire as of, and for the year ended December 31, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As is the practice with many New Hampshire municipalities, the Town of Stark, New Hampshire has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial report.

In our opinion, except that the omission of the general fixed asset account group results in an incomplete presentation as explained in the above paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the

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individual funds of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1996, and the results of operations of such funds and the cash flows of nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining and individual fund financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as the supplemental schedule in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose, combining, and individual fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective individual funds taken as a whole.

Very truly yours,


Francis J. Dineen, C.P.A.

May 21, 1997

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF STARK
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 324,896.33	\$ 7,474.39
Investments	54,515.87	0.00
Taxes Receivable	91,573.62	0.00
Tax Liens Receivable	80,220.86	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Due from Other Governments	0.00	0.00
Due from Other Funds	38,588.77	7,788.42
Tax Deeded Property	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 589,795.45</u>	<u>\$15,262.81</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts/Warrants Payable	\$ 1,730.19	\$ 0.00
Due to Other Governments	0.00	0.00
Due to School District	368,228.00	0.00
Due to Other Funds	0.00	0.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>469,958.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Fund Equity</u>		
Reserved for Endowments	0.00	0.00
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	0.00	0.00
Designated for Capital Acquisitions	0.00	0.00
Designated for Specific Purposes	0.00	15,262.81
Designated by Trust Instruments	0.00	0.00
Designated for Specific Capital Projects	0.00	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>119,837.26</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>119,837.26</u>	<u>15,262.81</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 589,795.45</u>	<u>\$15,262.81</u>

EXHIBIT A

<u>Types</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Capital</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>December 31,</u>
<u>Project Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>1996</u>
\$ 0.00	\$ 21,472.22	\$ 353,842.94
0.00	141,900.44	196,416.31
0.00	0.00	91,573.62
0.00	0.00	80,220.86
0.00	0.00	0.00
49,788.50	0.00	49,788.50
0.00	0.00	46,377.19
<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>\$ 49,788.50</u>	<u>\$ 153,372.66</u>	<u>\$ 818,219.42</u>
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,730.19
0.00	55,583.20	55,583.20
0.00	0.00	368,228.00
38,588.77	7,788.42	46,377.19
<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
<u>38,588.77</u>	<u>63,371.62</u>	<u>571,918.58</u>
0.00	6,726.88	6,726.88
0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	77,542.74	77,542.74
0.00	0.00	15,262.81
0.00	15,731.42	15,731.42
11,199.73	0.00	11,199.73
<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>119,837.26</u>
<u>11,199.73</u>	<u>100,001.04</u>	<u>246,300.84</u>
<u>\$ 49,788.50</u>	<u>\$ 163,372.66</u>	<u>\$ 818,219.42</u>

See accompanying notes.

OFFICE MANAGER

I want to thank the citizens for their help and their encouragement throughout the year. Without you my job would not be worthwhile. I so enjoy working for you and helping you any way I can.

Thank you Doris Boivin, John Pepau, Sr., Madeleine and Dennis Croteau and Lyle Frizzell for the beautiful photographs you submitted for the *Photo Contest*. It was a very difficult decision to make; all the photos were impressive. "Congratulations Lyle."

Thank you Dean Peel for your suggestion of *Short Stories and Poems* to be used as fillers for the Town Report. Thank you Dennis Faulkenham, Jr., Jo Ann Platt and Dean Peel for submitting your wonderful words.

The Town of Stark is in a good financial position. The fund equity for 1997 was \$119,837. The management of our Town funds is exceptional. We need to try a little harder to generate more revenue. There are options that can be investigated, with a little time. Something I don't have a lot of lately.

Gravel Taxation is a new law that went into effect January, 1998. It is an expensive way to generate a little revenue. The first step would be to assess all gravel pits in the Town at commercial rates. We could hire Avitar Assoc., but Avitar's prices are a little costly: \$500 per gravel pit. At last count we had six active gravel pits. Then the gravel pits need to be monitored. It is possible to generate some income, but we will have to expend more than we would receive. Over time this will be a reliable taxation.

I hope you enjoy this year's Annual Report. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I thought a timeline would be interesting (I could use all the help I can get).

"If you have the time to look up facts, the
Town Hall has the facts that go back in time"


Lise Coulombe
Office Manager

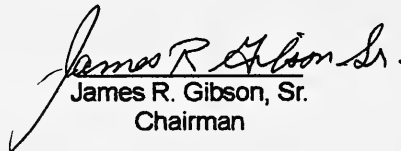
PLANNING BOARD

The Stark Planning Board had a busy year. We had two major subdivisions: One was with James River Corporation on Emerson Road, the other one was with Jerry Cloutier on Stark Highway (old Shannon place). We had one minor subdivision for Everett Frizzell.

We had an application for a new gravel pit and applications for renewal of two gravel pit permits (Kidder and Drouin).

The Board decided after a lot of discussion that all new and renewed pits would have to be bonded.

The Board needs more members and alternates.


James R. Gibson, Sr.
Chairman

HOW STARK WAS NAMED

(Fiction)

A long time ago a group of people came to Stark. It had no name. It was just another piece of land. All the people started a town. There were about 100 people counting the kids. They never named the new town until two years later. They were going to make a map of their town and at that moment they found out that their town had no name. So they tried to think of one. They came up with Farming Town, Cookville, Book Country and Holy Town, but none of them worked. So they took the most important people in their town. The first letter in their name went into the name of the town. They made it organized from the most important person down. They were the Mayor, Priest, Sheriff, Doctor and Teacher. Their names were Sherman, Tom, Alfred, Randy and Kate. Then the town had its name STARK.

The End

By: Dennis L. Faulkenham, Jr.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Log

0	Auto accidents
1	Sparks from an incinerator ignited a dead tree
2	Auto fire
1	Chimney fire
1	Hazardous material spill-chemical: quick lime
1	Grass fire
1	Tree on powerlines
1	Person trapped under a trailer of firewood
1	House Fire
1	False rail road car fire
2	Mutual Aid calls to Milan
2	Mutual Aid calls to Groveton

Mack Pumper

We took the Mack Pumper to Larry Dingee's in Cornish, NH to have bodywork done; he replaced the rusted steel tank with a new poly-tank. There was also a complete paint job done to the truck. Now we have a nice looking truck that should last us for quite a few years.

New Addition

In February the Fire Department bought a 1969 Mack Pumper very similar in shape and style as our other Mack Pumper. This one has a diesel engine and a larger pump. We would like to make a pumper tanker out of this piece of equipment. The Milan Airport gave us a 2000 gal. stainless steel tank to put on this pumper. We used this pumper while the other one was getting refurbished.

Radios

The Fire Dept. also bought four Motorola GP350, 16 channel portable radios.

Dry Hydrant

We installed two cement tanks in the river bank at the school with pipes coming up out of them so that we can hook up to them and fill our tankers. This also prevents rocks and sand from getting into the tanker. It makes it much easier to get water in the winter. We would like to thank Albert Cloutier, Jr. for donating his time, equipment and material for this much needed project.

Training

The Society for the Protection of NH Forests asked us to burn the "Goodwin" house, located across the railroad tracks from Dean Peel's house. We had training on hose-lines, nozzles, tanker shuttle, pumper and self-contained breathing apparatus. Our Warden and Deputy Wardens attended training on "Fire Behavior" at Northern Regional Headquarters in Lancaster. Nine men attended a "Mock Explosion Drill" at Wausau Papers with Groveton Fire Dept., Groveton, Stratford and Whitefield ambulance personnel. Groveton Fire Dept. also had a two-part training on the use of "The Jaws of Life", a hydraulic tool used in extricating people from wrecked autos. Then we used this training in actually cutting up wrecked cars. White Mountain Hell Drivers supplied the cars and men to do head-on and rollover maneuvers so that we could get hands-on experience.

Clean Up

Two individuals in Town had buildings torn down and bulldozed. The Fire Dept. then burned the piles of debris.

NEW FIRE STATION

We have waited until the Bond for the School addition was paid off before we go to the townspeople to ask them for another bond issue to build a new fire station. We are also going to get the pipeline with added tax dollars. The members of the Fire Dept. feel that next year may be a good time to ask for a new fire station.

This year at Town Meeting we will have a sketch of the building that we would like to have. There will be a discussion period to get the sentiments of the townspeople to see how they feel about the building. We hope to have the support of the townspeople next year.


John Pepau, Jr.
Fireman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Having served as Chief of this Department since March 1982, it is time for me to step down.

I would like to thank all the residents of Stark who have been very supportive of me in the last sixteen years.

A special "thank you" to Donald Croteau, Bill Joyce and Fred Benway for all their assistance and to my family for all the inconveniences they have encountered over the years.

Complaints

Breaking and Entering	17
Dogs	22
Domestic	3
Fire Calls	3
Miscellaneous	11
Motor Vehicles	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9
Stolen Property	10
Vandalism	15
911 Calls	10
Vehicle Collisions-Deer/Moose	7

This Department had four court cases in Lancaster Court.

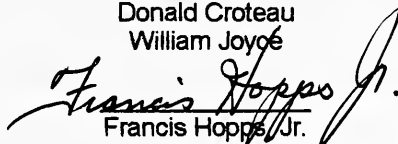
The Department covered the Fiddlers' Contest, Fall Festival and one funeral.

Classes Attended:

Criminal Investigation
Domestic Violence
Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation
Firearms and Qualifying with a gun

Special Police Officers:

Donald Croteau
William Joyce


Francis Hopps Jr.
Constable

Emergency Management Report

Emergency management is becoming increasingly important as a means to protect people and property from injury and economic disaster. Even here in remote, rural Stark, the risks of a major disaster are increasingly likely. Damaging storms and floods happen more often. A serious earthquake or hurricane is considered possible. More hazardous materials are coming through town by rail and truck. Power and telephone outages are happening more often and may be prolonged. And, unfortunately, violence is spreading into New Hampshire.

So far, we've been lucky. We've had few if any injuries, little property damage and not much loss of income. But we have spent a lot of money repairing flood-damaged roads, despite some aid from emergency management. However, our luck may not hold. Some expensive incidents could occur so it's worthwhile that we all plan ahead and prepare prudently. And this is the role of emergency management.

There are several booklets available on planning and preparation but here are some suggestions more likely suited to our local needs:

- Keep on hand a portable radio, good flashlights, at least two sets of extra batteries and some candles. Also helpful will be some oil lamps, a portable CB radio and extra dry and canned food. Check everything every six months, especially the batteries. Make sure everyone in your house knows where these things are, how to use them safely and that they're for emergency use only.
- If you have a wood stove or fireplace, reserve several days' supply of dry wood for an emergency. Make sure the stove, flue pipes and chimney are clean. (We all know this, yet every year chimney fires still happen.) Don't ever try to use a gas or charcoal grill indoors, even briefly or in a fireplace, or a portable heater unless it's labeled as approved for indoor use.
- If trouble comes, keep in touch with your neighbors and check frequently that they're okay. Let us know if you or anyone needs assistance. If it's a "life and limb" situation, call 911. Otherwise, call Town Hall. Let us know also of damage in your area. Many regional, county, state, federal and volunteer organizations can assist us once we know they are needed.
- If you or others can't stay at home, go to a relative or neighbor. Or go to a town hall or police station, who should know of shelters, meals and family assistance available. Let us know if your house is vacant, where you are and if you're okay.
- Be alert to reports of situations where you might lose power. Put plenty of water in clean containers for cooking and drinking. Also fill a bath tub or any large container and ladle this into a toilet to flush it. Once power's gone, you can drain down your hot water storage tank for more water.
- Use the telephone sparingly during any emergency and keep your calls brief. Emergency personnel need the phones and the system may not be able to handle very many other calls. Even though you have electrical power, the phone system may be running on batteries.

Call me or the Selectmen with any questions.



Franklin Platt Emergency Management Dir.

CEMETERIES

First I'd like to thank the citizens of Stark who have commented on how well the cemeteries have been maintained.

At first glance, it appears the Sexton went over budget. This is not as it seems because the Town recouped funds from an auto insurance company to reimburse the expenses incurred when a pick-up truck crashed in the Percy Cemetery. This accident caused extensive damage to the grounds and several monuments.

A lot of brush has been removed from the cemeteries and much more remains to be removed. Fallen stones were reset and epoxy glue will be used in 1998 to repair broken monuments. Weather conditions caused more mowing to be required than in recent previous years.


Carl D. Coulombe
Sexton

NEXT YEAR

To be a gardener is to be an optimist. We always think that *next year* will be perfect; that we won't experience any of the previous year's problems and we'll do everything exactly right. My own annual exercise in delusion goes something like this:

Next year...

I won't buy more plants than I have space for.

I will *finish* all the projects I planned during the winter.

I will remember to fertilize *on schedule*.

It will rain so regularly that I won't have to do any watering.

I won't have any bad bugs.

We'll have an early spring.

We'll have a late fall.

I won't have any weeds.

And maybe, *just maybe*, next year there won't be as many black flies!

By: Jo Ann Platt

TRANSFER STATION

Within the past year or so, the station has undergone a transition to a different methodology from its inception due to circumstances none of us had been prepared for. It is hoped, as your new manager, that this facility will operate with the same concern for the public interest and efficiency as it has in the past. As you know, only minimum cooperation is necessary to make it work for both of us.

The past year was relatively routine (with the exception of, oops, a grass fire during a brush burn last spring) until this fall at which time we initiated a new textile recycling program through the auspices of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District. How successful this new venture becomes depends upon the amount of textile goods collected. For our part, response has been good with approximately 800 lbs. received by the end of the year. This product reaches both the well-established rag market and direct re-use. That much less for the compactor. Future programs concerning electronics and some plastics are being considered. We shall see.

Other activities of note include the construction of a burn for fire containment of the "wood pile", and the re-activation of the original waste oil collection shed. A fire extinguisher has also been installed adjacent to the bulletin board within the paper bay.

For those of you who like numbers, we transported approximately ninety (90) loads of recyclables with our "one ton" to the material recycling facility (MRF) near Berlin which credited us with nearly \$1800 toward our membership in AVRDD (see above). We also received a net return of \$90.00 for approx. twenty (20) tons of scrap metal (well, it just sits there). On the debit side, approx. eight (8) tons of bulky waste from the open top container were removed at a cost of \$1107. Compacted waste totaled 116 tons for eleven (11) loads at an all-inclusive average cost of \$467 per load. This figure will rise dramatically for 1999 due to a 110% increase cost per ton for dumping fees at landfill. Needless to say, greater concern for sorting will be in our interest.

Being of the mind that communication is the best catalyst for getting things done, different notices will be passed out from time to time with new information, updates, etc. regarding operations. The boys from Concord cooked up a new "do's and don'ts" cake last fall that we'll have to take some bits from in the not too distant future. Innovations at district level AVRDD and those originating here keep us abreast of the ever growing development of recycling. With this increasing involvement, any ideas and/or questions will be welcomed. Please comment.

I am pleased at this time to have this public forum for extending my appreciation to Everett Frizzell, James Eich, and Albert Cloutier, Jr. for offering me the opportunity to

serve the town. Special thanks, also, goes to Lise Coulombe and Dean Peel. Their combined efforts by both deed and word have been most helpful.

Finally, I thank all those kind souls out there that put things in the right place. But, for you bad guys, caution, there is a surprise awaiting you this spring.

REMEMBER

Please Remove Your Tops!
(No one 'ell see ya)



George Bennett
Transfer Station Manager

SNOW

Snow falling, oh so light, 'tis not even in darkest night.
Midday, 'tis at high noon, snowflakes were lifting themselves, not to swoon.
Snow falling, sometimes up; gray as fog, as thick as soup,
billowing before the wind constantly changing direction without end.
So laying, all so light, everything blinded by its sight. New thoughts of birth begin,
older thoughts starting at the end.
Snow flying by so fast, how could nature make them last?
Each an individual as they grow this could be a human, I do not know.
Humans are not snowflakes falling from the sky, each one different,
of that no one can deny. All have a mind of our own of what we are
About, till in the spring or winter we melt.

By: Dean Peel

TOWN GOVERNMENT

1189 Stark Hwy
Stark, NH 03582
Phone & Fax: (603) 636-2118

SELECTMEN'S HOURS

Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30-4:00
Wed. 8:30-12:30
Selectmen's Weekly Meeting
Wed. 6:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, MUNICIPAL AGENT'S HOURS

Tues. and Thurs. 12:00 -5:00

TAX COLLECTOR'S HOURS

Wed. 3:00-7:00

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

4th Thurs. 7:00

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tel. 636-2880
Wed. and Sat. 12:30-4:30

TOWN GARAGE

Tel. 636-2561

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergency
Tel. 636-2848

TOWN ACTIVITIES

STARK FIDDLERS' CONTEST

Last Sunday in June 12:00-6:00
Tel. 636-1325

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

1st week of October

SOUTH POND RECREATION

Opens last weekend of June 10:00-8:00

CHRISTINE LAKE

Beach Curfew 9:00

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STARK
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997**

ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL BOARD

TERM EXPIRES

Bradley Sargent, Chairman
Susan Fogg
Terry Andritz

2000
1998
1999

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert C. Mills - Tel. 636-1437
Sandra Call, Secretary
Janet Bennett, Data Processing

BUSINESS MANAGER

Peggy L. Goodale

STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL

Charles R. Witters - Principal/Grades 5 & 6
Nancy Spaulding - Grades 3 & 4
Annetta McGinnis - Grades 1 & 2
Kristin Henry - Kindergarten/Special Education

TREASURER

Susan Croteau

CLERK

Janette Clang

MODERATOR

William Joyce

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark,
New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark
Village School in said district on Tuesday, March 10,
1998, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the
subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be
opened at said place and date from 9:00 o'clock in the
forenoon for the reception of your ballots under the
non-partisan ballot system. Polls will not close before
7:00 o'clock in the evening.

1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following
district officers for the ensuing year: a
district clerk, a district treasurer; a
district moderator for the ensuing two years;
and one member of the school board for the
ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at Stark this 19th day of
February, 1998.

SCHOOL
BOARD

Bradley Sargent

Susan Fogg

Terry Andritz

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

Bradley Sargent

Susan Fogg

Terry Andritz

SCHOOL
BOARD

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark Village School in said district on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The matters of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.
2. To see if the district will vote to accept the provisions of the Federal and State School Lunch Program and to appropriate such funds as may be available to the district under said program. Further, to see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for such funds and to expend the same for such programs.
3. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for, to receive and expend in the name of the district such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for the educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State, Federal or other governmental unit or from private sources which become available during the fiscal year.
4. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Education of the Handicapped, this sum will be taken from surplus in the 1997-98 operating budget; furthermore, to authorize the school board as agents to determine when such funds may be expended (pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1-b). The school board recommends this appropriation.

5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.
6. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stark this 19th day of February, 1998.

SCHOOL
BOARD

Bradley Sargent

Susan Fogg

Terry Andritz

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

Bradley Sargent

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SCHOOL
BOARD

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>
Cash	\$42,171.87			\$56,643.61
Interfund Rec.	10,696.18		8,735.18	3,000.00
Int'gvt. Rec.	<u>410.22</u>	<u>380.00</u>	<u>1,581.00</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$53,278.27	\$ 380.00	\$10,316.18	\$59,643.61
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Interfund				
Payables	10,652.50	380.00	10,316.18	56,643.61
Other Payables	4,337.30			
Deferred Rev.	<u>13,122.36</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total				
Liabilities	\$28,112.16	\$ 380.00	\$10,316.18	\$56,643.61
Unreserved				
Fund Balance	<u>25,166.11</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Fund				
Equity	\$25,166.11	-0-	-0-	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL LIABIL- ITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$53,278.27	\$ 380.00	\$10,316.18	\$59,643.61

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>
<u>LOCAL REVENUE</u>				
Current				
Appropriation	\$453,228.00			
Earnings on				
Investments	410.04			2,278.01
Food Service			5,258.38	
Other Local				
Revenue	<u>88.41</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Local				
Revenue	\$453,726.45	-0-	\$5,258.38	\$2,278.01
<u>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</u>				
Foundation Aid	129,122.50			
Kindergarten Aid	4,000.00			
Building Aid	<u>16,661.26</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Revenue				
from State				
Sources	\$149,783.76	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</u>				
Chapter II		1,080.00		
Child Nutr/Prog			9,363.00	
Elem./Second.		2,083.31		
Fed. Forest Fund	12,478.85			
Medicaid	<u>2,506.77</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Revenue				
from Federal				
Sources	\$ 14,985.62	\$3,163.31	\$9,363.00	-0-
Trans. from				
General Fund	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>8,735.18</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$618,495.83	\$3,163.31	\$23,356.56	\$5,278.01

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>Current 1997-1998</u>	<u>Estimated 1998-1999</u>
<u>STATE REVENUES</u>		
Foundation Aid	99,698	89,661
Building Aid	16,661	-0-
Kindergarten Aid	6,000	6,000
<u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u>		
ECIA Chapter II/Other	2,700	3,200
Child Nutrition	9,000	9,500
Federal Forest Land	15,108	15,100
<u>LOCAL REVENUES</u>		
Unreserved Fund Balance	25,166	30,000
Transfer to Capital Reserve	3,000	-0-
Lunch Sales	5,000	5,500
District Assessment	<u>492,635</u>	<u>504,251</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$674,968	\$663,212

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Robert C. Mills 1996-97

Northumberland School District's Share	\$36,271.20
Stratford School District's Share	12,052.32
Stark School District's Share	<u>8,796.48</u>
TOTAL	\$57,120.00

BUSINESS MANAGER'S SALARY

Peggy L. Goodale 1996-97

Northumberland School District's Share	\$19,321.14
Stratford School District's Share	6,420.10
Stark School District's Share	<u>4,685.76</u>
TOTAL	\$30,427.00

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE BUDGETS**

<u>1000 Instruction</u>		<u>1997-1998</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>
<u>1100 Regular Programs</u>			
110	Salaries	\$ 99,845	\$106,771
111	Aide's Salary	7,841	8,065
120	Substitute Salary	1,440	1,800
210	Health Insurance	18,560	21,158
213	Life & Disability	1,100	1,335
214	Workers' Comp.	1,450	1,311
222	Teachers' Retirement	2,600	2,875
230	FICA	8,402	8,925
260	Unemployment Comp.	250	350
270	Tuition Reimbursement	600	600
310	Art & Music	300	-0-
320	Instructional Improv.	2,000	500
440	Repairs & Maintenance	1,100	1,632
561	Elementary Tuition	78,128	102,560
561	High School Tuition	218,485	217,035
610	Supplies	4,263	4,664
630	Textbooks	1,967	834
635	Software	-0-	343
640	Periodicals	<u>71</u>	<u>136</u>
	Total	\$448,402	\$480,894
<u>1200 Special Education</u>			
110	Salaries	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,600
111	Aides' Salaries	6,685	6,863
210	Health Insurance	1,079	2,517
214	Workers' Comp.	710	421
222	Teachers' Retirement	270	306
230	FICA	1,263	1,336
390	Professional/Technical	18,081	19,907
519	Transportation	1,000	-0-
569	Private Tuition	1,600	-0-
610	Supplies	<u>402</u>	<u>691</u>
	Total	\$ 40,890	\$ 42,641
<u>1400 Co-Curricular</u>			
610	Supplies	\$ 220	\$ 326
810	Dues/Fees	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>
	Total	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,276

2000 Support Services2120 Guidance

390	Professional/Technical	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,754
610	Supplies	-0-	191
630	Books	165	-0-
640	Periodicals	<u>17</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total		\$ 6,682	\$ 6,945

2130 Health Services

390	Professional/Technical	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,609
610	Supplies	<u>162</u>	<u>171</u>
Total		\$ 1,687	\$ 1,780

2210 Improvement of Instruction

320	Improvement of Inst.	\$ 360	\$ 360
580	Expense/Travel	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Total		\$ 510	\$ 510

2220 Educational Media

440	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 372	\$ 385
450	Rentals	330	341
610	Supplies	100	100
630	Textbooks	726	726
640	Periodicals	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>
Total		\$ 1,618	\$ 1,642

2310 School Board Services

110	Salaries	\$ 2,270	\$ 2,320
230	FICA	175	178
390	Professional/Technical	2,400	2,400
522	Insurance	2,000	2,000
532	Postage/Petty Cash	200	200
540	Ads	350	350
810	Dues/Fees	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,098</u>
Total		\$ 8,423	\$ 8,546

2320 SAU Services

351	SAU Services	\$ 33,424	\$ 33,084
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2400 School Administration

110	Salary	\$ 3,315	\$ 3,448
222	Retirement	90	100
230	FICA	254	264
532	Postage/Petty Cash	175	175
580	Expense/Travel	150	150

610	Supplies	175	175
810	Dues/Fees	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	Total	\$ 4,659	\$ 4,812
<u>2540 Operation & Maintenance</u>			
110	Salary	\$ 4,225	\$ 4,425
116	Salary (summer)	160	-0-
214	Workers' Comp.	290	213
230	FICA	336	350
260	Unemployment Comp.	15	18
390	Professional/Technical	-0-	1,200
440	Repairs	1,800	2,000
521	Insurance	2,150	2,150
531	Telephone	1,100	1,100
610	Supplies	2,000	2,000
652	Electricity	5,060	5,205
653	Fuel	3,000	3,000
657	Bottled Gas	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	Total	\$ 21,136	\$ 22,861
<u>2550 Transportation</u>			
110	Salaries	\$ 7,752	\$ 8,036
214	Workers' Comp.	760	720
230	FICA	594	615
513	Transportation	16,250	16,250
656	Gasoline	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	Total	\$ 27,756	\$ 28,021
<u>5000 Other Outlays</u>			
<u>5100 Debt Service On Bond</u>			
830	Principal On Debt	\$ 45,000	\$ -0-
842	Interest On Debt	<u>2,911</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	Total	\$ 47,911	\$ -0-
<u>5220 Federal Projects</u>			
880	Transfer	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,200
<u>5240 Food Service</u>			
880	Transfer	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,000
<u>5250 Capital Reserve</u>			
880	Transfer	\$ 3,000	\$ -0-
TOTAL BUDGET		<u>\$674,968</u>	<u>\$663,212</u>

STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
1996-97 DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1000 INSTRUCTION

1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS

		395,986.63
110	Teachers' Salaries	96,540.36
111	Aide's Salary	6,865.08
120	Substitutes' Salaries	1,375.88
210	Health Insurance	13,777.56
213	Life & Disability	954.80
214	Worker's Comp.	476.00
222	Teachers' Retirement	2,280.08
230	FICA	8,015.94
260	Unemployment Comp.	170.00
270	Tuition Reimbursement	695.00
310	Other Instruction - Art	1,144.00
	Perfection On Wheels	267.00
	NH Music Educators Assoc.	15.00
	No. Country Educ. Found.	20.00
	Portland Symphony Orches.	92.00
	Tin Mountain Conservation	750.00
320	Improvement of Instruction	500.00
	Farnsworth, Alan	500.00
440	Repairs/Maintenance	816.00
	Porter Office Machines	816.00
561	Public Tuition	252,963.66
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	252,963.66
610	Supplies	4,816.60
	Abacus	14.12
	Ames	59.99
	Barclay School Supplies	39.00
	Carson-Dellosa Pub. Co.	31.28
	Continental Press	32.90
	Creative Publications	140.14
	Global Computer Supplies	74.77
	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	99.33
	Hearth Song	12.90
	Ideal School Supply	54.89
	Innovative Learning	92.34
	J.L. Hammett Co.	456.96
	Kaplan School Supply	20.95
	Kaylor's School & Office	65.63
	Lingui Systems, Inc.	33.40
	Math Learning Center	169.50
	McIntire Business Prod.	316.93
	Meadow House Pub.	22.45
	Music is Elementary	109.75
	Nasco	356.52
	New England Sch. Sup.	1,086.00
	NSI Companies	30.40
	Porter Office Machines	866.50

	Positive Promotions	16.57	
	Rigby Education	569.88	
	Scholastic Inc.	43.50	
630	Textbooks		3,048.22
	ADD Warehouse	18.50	
	Barclay School Supplies	87.00	
	Barker Creek Publishing	20.40	
	D.C. Heath Co.	647.41	
	Educators Publishing Svc.	155.52	
	Educational Resources	167.80	
	Filmic Archives	56.55	
	Follett Educational Svcs.	26.10	
	Follett Library Resources	139.90	
	Grolier Publishing Co.	18.65	
	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	564.16	
	National School Products	30.50	
	McGraw Hill, Inc.	376.37	
	Modern Learning Press	42.84	
	Pro-Ed	96.80	
	Rourke Publishing Group	199.00	
	Scholastic, Inc.	77.50	
	World Almanac Education	323.22	
640	Periodicals		102.44
	National Wildlife Fed.	15.00	
	Payment Processing Center	34.24	
	Weekly Reader	53.20	
742	Replacement Equipment		1,445.01
	Alfax	430.00	
	Ames Dept. Store	99.99	
	MEI/Micro Center	475.47	
	Wholesale Distribution	439.55	

1200 SPECIAL ED. PROGRAMS

38,875.01

110	Teacher's Salary	9,500.00	
111	Aide's Salary	9,606.68	
210	Health Insurance	155.70	
214	Workers' Comp.	434.45	
222	Teacher's Retirement	264.39	
230	FICA	1,461.54	
390	Professional/Technical	17,189.04	
	Church, Donna	9,000.00	
	Eddy, Patricia	4.00	
	No. Country Educ. Found.	5,041.53	
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	3,228.51	
	Refund/94-142 Grant	-2,497.50	
	Refund/Preschool Grant	- 535.00	
	Upper Conn. Valley MH/DS	160.00	
	Weeks Hospital Assoc.	2,787.50	
519	Other Transportation		133.02
	Eddy, Patricia	110.17	
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	22.85	

610	Supplies		130.19
	Positive Promotions	62.86	
	School Specialty	67.33	
<u>1400 CO-CURRICULAR</u>			1,003.14
610	Supplies		211.14
	Gopher Sports Equipment	92.34	
	Hearth Song	82.80	
	Sandeen, Inc.	36.00	
810	Dues/Fees		792.00
	Kearsage Museum	42.00	
	Notre Dame Arena, Inc.	750.00	
<u>2120 GUIDANCE</u>			5,887.45
390	Professional/Technical		5,724.00
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	5,724.00	
610	Supplies		163.45
	American Guidance Svc.	163.45	
<u>2130 HEALTH SERVICES</u>			1,457.45
390	Professional/Technical		1,440.60
	Meunier, Dorothy	73.50	
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	1,367.10	
610	Supplies		16.85
	Moore Medical Corp.	16.85	
<u>2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>			575.00
320	Improvement of Instruction		575.00
	McGinnis, Annetta	270.00	
	NHAHPERD	70.00	
	NH Celebrates Wellness	85.00	
	Tin Mountain Conservation	150.00	
<u>2220 EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</u>			1,156.10
440	Repairs/Maintenance		322.40
	No. Country Educ. Found.	322.40	
450	Rentals		286.00
	No. Country Educ. Found.	286.00	
610	Supplies		38.33
	Highsmith Company	38.33	
630	Textbooks/Workbooks		464.92
	Bound to Stay Bound Books	104.39	
	Center for Applied Res.	34.24	
	Highsmith Co.	10.54	
	Troll Associates	114.40	
	University Book Service	56.05	
	World Almanac Education	145.30	
640	Periodicals		44.45
	National Geographic Soc.	44.45	

<u>2310 SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</u>		7,928.00
110	Salaries	2,180.00
230	FICA	166.78
390	Professional/Technical	2,338.14
	Associated Business Prod.	540.64
	Grzelak & Co., PC	1,000.00
	Lancaster Floral Design	30.00
	Town of Stark	767.50
522	Insurance Liability	1,859.00
	NH School Bds. Ins. Trust	1,859.00
540	Ads	336.22
	Berlin Reporter	155.80
	Caledonian Record	9.90
	No. Country Publishing	83.52
	SAU #58	87.00
810	Dues & Fees	1,047.86
	Berlin City Bank	20.00
	NH School Boards Assoc.	1,027.86
<u>2320 SAU SERVICES</u>		33,440.00
351	Management Services	33,440.00
	SAU #58	33,440.00
<u>2400 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</u>		4,870.35
110	Salary/Administration	3,646.92
230	FICA	278.93
532	Postage/Petty Cash	437.00
	U. S. Postal Service	362.00
	Witters, Charles Jr.	75.00
610	Supplies	57.50
	Gig Press	57.50
810	Dues & Fees	450.00
	NH Assoc. School Princ.	450.00
<u>2540 OPERATION/MAINTENANCE</u>		18,744.04
110	Salaries	4,384.50
214	Workers' Comp.	200.00
230	FICA	335.38
440	Repairs/Maintenance	2,429.65
	Al's Plumbing & Heating	186.98
	Amerigas	19.50
	Colebrook Oil Co.	816.88
	Emerson & Son	167.21
	Inland Divers, Inc.	15.58
	Interstate Fire Protect.	78.50
	Kipp Alarm Service	300.00
	Spaulding, Jared	200.00
	Treasurer, State of NH	180.00
	White's Septic Service	465.00
521	Property Insurance	1,262.00
	NHSBIT-PC Group	1,893.00
	Refunds	-631.00

531	Telephone		741.11
	AT&T	55.00	
	Nynex	624.59	
	Refund/telephone calls	-19.34	
	Northumberland School Dist.	80.86	
610	Supplies-Operation/Maint.		1,479.42
	Caron, Ronald	23.40	
	Central Paper Products	218.00	
	Emerson & Son	120.53	
	Kenco, Inc.	520.85	
	REAL Lighting & Supply	13.45	
	Resource Net, Int.	370.74	
	School Specialty	128.95	
	The Vac Shop	83.50	
652	Electricity		4,726.18
	Fysh, Robert	86.98	
	PSNH	4,639.20	
653	Fuel		2,147.40
	Colebrook Oil Co.	2,147.40	
657	Bottled Gas		1,038.40
	Amerigas	1,038.40	
<u>2550 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</u>			25,961.83
110	Salaries		7,906.31
214	Workers' Comp.		666.00
230	FICA		604.88
513	Transportation		14,913.72
	Bruce Transportation	14,400.00	
	DeBlois, Richard	6.00	
	Fysh, Robert C.	6.00	
	Normandeau Trucking Co.	81.50	
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	384.22	
	Spaulding, Victor B.	36.00	
656	Gasoline/Diesel		1,870.92
	Munce's Superior, Inc.	202.38	
	Northumberland Sch. Dist.	1,648.54	
	Spaulding, Nancy	20.00	
<u>5100 DEBT SERVICE</u>			51,075.00
830	Principal On Debt		45,000.00
	Shawmut Bank, Conn.	45,000.00	
842	Interest on Debt		6,075.00
	Shawmut Bank, Conn.	6,075.00	
<u>5240 TRANSFER FOOD SERVICE</u>			8,735.18
880	Transfer To Food Service		8,735.18
	Stark School District	8,735.18	
<u>5250 TRANSFER CAPITAL RESERVE</u>			3,000.00
880	Transfer to Capital Reserve		3,000.00
	Trustees of Trust Fund	3,000.00	

STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Salaries	Employee Benefits	Purchased Services	Supplies	Property	Other	Total
Instruction							
Regular Programs	\$104,781.32	\$26,369.38	\$255,423.66	\$ 7,967.26	\$1,445.01		\$395,986.63
Spec. Ed. Prog.	19,106.68	2,316.08	17,452.25				38,875.01
Other Instr. Prog.				211.14		792.00	1,003.14
Support Services							
Pupils							
Guidance			5,724.00	163.45			5,887.45
Health			1,440.60	16.85			1,457.45
Instructional							
Improvement of							
Instruction			575.00				575.00
Educ'l Media			608.40	547.70			1,156.10
General Admin.							
School Board	2,180.00	166.78	4,533.36			1,047.86	7,928.00
Office of Supt.			33,440.00				33,440.00
School Admin.	3,646.92	278.93	437.00	57.50		450.00	4,870.35
Business							
Operation/Maint.	4,384.50	535.38	4,432.76	9,391.40			18,744.04
Pupil Transport.	7,906.31	1,270.88	14,913.72	1,870.92			25,961.83
Debt Service						51,075.00	51,075.00
Transfer to							
Food Service						8,735.18	8,735.18
Transfer to							
Capital Reserve						3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL							
GENERAL FUND	\$142,005.73	\$30,937.43	\$338,980.75	\$20,226.22	\$1,445.01	\$65,100.04	\$598,695.18

Grzelak and Company, P.C.
P.O. Box 8
Laconia, New Hampshire 03247

To the Board
Stark School District
Stark, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Stark School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Stark School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Stark School District as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations

for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Stark School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Grzelak and Company, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

September 17, 1997

RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

As the parent or guardian of a child who may require or who is receiving special education and/or related services, you have the following rights:

*You have the right to have access to and examine all records relating to your child's education.

*You have a right to receive prior written notice whenever the local education agency proposes to begin or change the special educational referral, evaluation and/or education placement of your child. You also have a right to give your written consent before initial special education placement and before any individual evaluation of your child.

*You have a right to question any matter, decision, or recommendation relating to your child's referral, evaluation or educational placement.

*You have a right to request an independent educational evaluation obtained by the local educational agency. If your request is accepted, the evaluation will be conducted by a certified or licensed professional examiner who is independent of the local educational agency and will be performed at no cost to you. Should your request be denied, you have a right to appeal this decision as described below.

*If you have any complaints regarding the referral, evaluation or educational placement of your child, you have a right to meet with the school board. If any agreement is unable to be reached, you have the right to an impartial hearing conducted by a state appointed due process hearing officer.

*At this hearing, you have the right to be assisted by person(s) with special knowledge or training, or by an attorney, and the right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses.

*After this hearing, you have the right to a written or electronic verbatim recording of such hearing. You have the right to obtain written findings of fact and decisions of the hearing at no cost.

*If the decision of the impartial hearings at the local level is not acceptable to you, you have the right to appeal this decision to the State Board of Education or Civil Court.

*During any of the hearing or appeal procedures, your child shall remain in the current education program, or if applying for initial admission to the public school, shall be placed in a regular program until all proceedings have been completed, unless you and the school officials agree otherwise.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
Public Law 92-318

Subpart A, Section 86.8 of Title IX requires public notification that the Stark School District does not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age or handicapping condition under the provisions of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. The Stark School District hereby notifies students, parents, employees, and residents that complaints and grievances for noncompliance with any of the provisions of Title IX are to be referred to:

Robert C. Mills
Title IX Hearing Officer
SAU #58
8 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
Tel. 1-603-636-1437

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION
ACT OF 1973

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with School Administrative Unit No. 58 are hereby notified that the districts of SAU #58 do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, their programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries regarding the compliance of School Administrative Unit No. 58 with the regulations of implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact:

Kathleen Marshall
Section 504 Coordinator
SAU #58
8 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
Tel. 1-603-636-1437

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
1997-98**

We have been fortunate to be able to expand computer availability to the students of the Stark Village School through donations from Public Service Company of New Hampshire and the United States Department of Education. A lab of ten computers has been set up in the multi-purpose room to make it available to all grades. Computer literacy has become a basic skill, even at the elementary school level, and the donation of this equipment has made it possible to give more students hands-on experience.

The New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program tests for the end-of-grades 3, 6, and 10 will be conducted between May 11 and 22, 1998. The results will not be available to us until the fall. When parents receive the results of their student's assessment, they should contact the teacher if they have questions or would like to discuss the results. I would like to remind parents that, although this assessment is required by the Department of Education, it is only one method of assessment, and it does not give a complete picture of your student. While the assessment scores do give us valuable information, those scores should only be used with several other types of evaluations before drawing any conclusions.

I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to participate in a school activity at the Stark Village School to attend. I have been invited to Thanksgiving dinner each year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere. One advantage that small schools have is being able to conduct activities as an entire school and still achieve some feeling of closeness. It is a feeling that cannot be duplicated in larger schools and should be appreciated while we still have it.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
1997-98**

The 1997-98 school year is continuing to move along at a rapid pace. As it has been in the past years, our major goal is to improve the quality of education while making the educational experience a wholesome and pleasant one for all our students in a safe and caring atmosphere.

The returning faculty/staff are Annetta McGinnis, grades one/two; Nancy Spaulding, grades three/four; Charles Witters, principal and grades five/six; Cheryl Cloutier, art; Donna Church, speech pathologist; Jeannine Astle, Title I tutor; Cinda Wentworth, paraprofessional; Cindy Boivin, classroom aide; Judy Fortier, food service/volunteer library aide; and Bob Fysh, bus driver.

We have two new staff members this year. Kristin Henry is our new kindergarten/special education teacher, and Kelley Lund-Goller is our new guidance counselor.

As I mentioned in last year's report, it continues to be a real pleasure and privilege working with the teachers, staff, students, parents, superintendent, school board, and the wonderful community members of Stark. You certainly can be proud of your students and school. My goal is to have the Stark Village School continue to be a safe, caring place, where students will learn the academics as well as the skills necessary to live in our society and the 21st century. The entire staff is absolutely marvelous, and each individual member is striving to see this goal fulfilled.

Because of our students, we wanted to make the Stark Village School an even more positive place, so we instituted various programs such as a monitor system, instrumental music for grades 4-6, Reading Buddies, honor roll and high honor roll, Fun Friday, etc.

The "Volunteers for Kids" program is in its fifth year and continues to do an excellent job supporting the teachers throughout the year. This group, once again, took on the traditional Thanksgiving dinner under the leadership of Sue Fogg, chairperson, and the superb cooking of Judy Fortier, as well as being aided by students, faculty, staff, community members, and businesses. The individual volunteers help out in many other ways such as party moms, pizza-run moms/dads, typing, doing arts/crafts, etc. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

The entire school had a wonderful day-long trip to the seacoast this fall. The students and faculty gathered food for the food shelf in Groveton at Thanksgiving. We participated in the Page's Book Fair. With our participation, we will be able to increase our library collection. We are in the process of participating in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon.

In the fall, Debbie Boivin headed up a major fundraiser for the school, which paid for five weeks of ice skating at the Notre Dame Arena in Berlin. Ice skating enhances the physical education program. There were enough funds at the end of the program for a meal at the Fortune Cookie in Gorham. Many thanks to parents, students, friends, and community members for helping in all of the fundraisers.

We are all looking forward to an excellent second semester at the Stark Village School. Many neat things are happening. Please come and visit the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Witters, Jr.
Principal

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS FOR KIDS REPORT
1997-98**

Our group is now in its fifth year of volunteering at the Stark Village School. This program continues to provide support to the staff through projects such as typing, photocopying, fundraising, delivering pizzas, and chaperoning trips. This March marks the fourth year we have organized a raffle. The purpose of this raffle is to raise funds for programs/activities which will directly benefit our school children. As in the past, all families with students in the Stark School District are asked to sell ten raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win one of three prizes. First prize is a \$500.00 gift certificate at Clarkeies Market (grocery store), second prize is a \$250.00 gift certificate at Emerson & Son, Inc., and third prize is a \$100.00 gift certificate for #2 fuel oil from the distributor of your choice. Over the past year, proceeds from this raffle funded three scholarships which were awarded at Groveton High School, a donation was made to the Stark sixth grade class to help cover costs associated with their graduation ceremony, and students in grades K-4 have been attending a Kinderkonzerts program. We appreciate any help you may be able to give to support our raffle.

To all of you who have volunteered at our school, we extend a sincere thank you. If you're interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to contact the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Y. Fogg
Chairperson

GRADE PLACEMENT CHART
(As of September 1997)

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Kristin Henry	8							8
Annetta McGinnis		9	12					21
Nancy Spaulding				8	7			15
Charles Witters						7	11	18
	8	9	12	8	7	7	11	62

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Kristi Adam	Clifford Reitsma
Matthew Ball	Carissa Rogers
Daniel Boivin	Travis Russell
Shane Cloutier	Tanisha Shannon
Joel Cote	Anthony Tendler
Dennis Faulkenham, Jr.	Moriah Vinyard
Joshua Judson	Naomi Wolin
Chad Pepau	
Danelis Rastonis	

HIGH SCHOOL

Hillary Andritz	Catrina Lachance
D.J. Boivin	Jennifer Lunn
Ricky Boivin	Bryan Mason
Gabrielle Brown	Stephanie Minichiello
Paul Brown	Jill Normand
Christina Coulombe	David Pelchat
Jamie Croteau	Chris Pepau
Mary Kate Daley	Elisha Reitsma
Matthew Eich	Angelique Rogers
Rebecca Fogg	Jarod Rogers
Bobbi-Jo Fysh	Shauna Sargent
Clifton Fysh	Bradley Shedd
Kristina Hickey	Michael Simino
Kimberly Hoyt	Tamsen Smithers
Michael Hoyt	Matthew Stanton
Jennie Judson	Crystal Vinyard
Ryan Labrecque	

SCREENINGS 59 - Students screened for height, weight,
 B/P, vision, and hearing
 18 - Students screened for scoliosis

REFERRALS 6 - Vision and hearing
 5 - Scoliosis

PHYSICALS 6 - Grade 4 physicals

PEDICULOSIS 583 - Head lice checks conducted (3 referrals)

IMMUNIZATIONS 7 - Measles, Mumps, & Rubella - Grade 6

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION - 7

EVALUATED FOR HEALTH/INJURIES - 200
 6 - Called to evaluate
 125 - First aid at school
 75 - Other complaints

Growing Up Series - Grades 5 & 6
Wellness/AIDS - Grades K-6
Staff health screenings provided by NHMA
Flu shot clinic offered to staff
Anaphylactic program offered to staff

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